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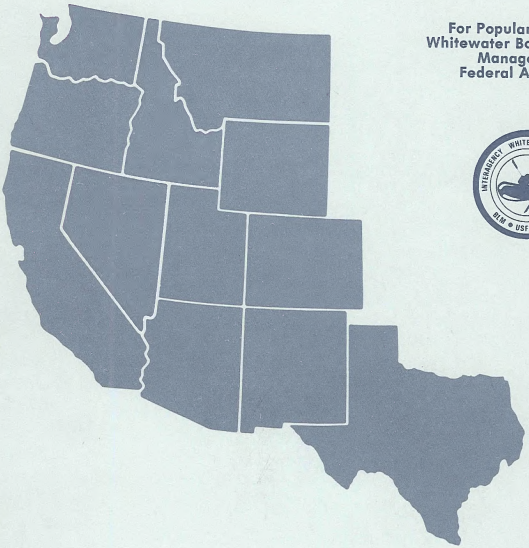

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Since the River Information Digest is only published periodically, the IWC Newletter can be used to keep most Digests current. Please pen and ink the following remarks into your Digest for reference

Page 9 - 18, 19, 20. Sauk River - add - (Scenic).

21. Skagit River (Bacon Creek to Sedro Wooley) - add - (Recreation).
- Correct zip code for Concrete, WA from 98284 to 98237.
- Delete. "Wild and Scenic River and its tributaries Cascade, Sauk, Suittle, outside of National Forest boundary, but classified as a National Recreation River in the Wild and Scenic River System."

Page 10 - 22. Skagit River (Newhalem to Bacon Creek) - add - (Scenic).

Page 11 - 26. Suittle - add (Scenic).

Page 15 - 21. Correct trip length days from 1-10 to 1-8.

Page 21 - 19. Salmon River, Main (Corn Creek to Vinegar Creek) add - (Wild).
- "Variety of outfitter services" - add - including jet boats.
- Delete - "Wild and Scenic Study River. Adjacent Wilderness Area." - add - Wild and Scenic River, designated Wild within River of No Return Wilderness. Fire pans and ash containers required.

Page 22 - 21. Delete "June 1 - September 3. Applications accepted December 1 - January 31." Add - Reservation issued beginning first Saturday in February annually. All reservations taken on reservation phone line (208) 879-4321. Penalties for No-Shows. Confirmations required.

Page 23 - 25. "Applications accepted December 1 - January 1" correct to read - "Applications accepted December 1 - January 31.

Page 40 - 25. Salt - above - Delete - "Indian Reservation boundary" - add - Horseshoe Bend.

26. Salt - below - delete - "Indian Reservation boundary" - add - Horseshoe Bend.

Page 48 - 25, Salt River, Upper, For Information Contact: - add -
White Mountain Game and Fish Department
Box 220
Whiteriver, Arizona 85941
Telephone (602) 338-4385
"Permit required on Fort Apache Indian Reservation for" delete - "camping" - add - day use and boating, $3.00 per day per person 15 years and older, $1.00 per day boat registration.

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2. Bureau of Land Management, State Offices in: Anchorage, Phoenix, Sacramento, Denver, Boise, Alexandria, VA, Billings, Santa Fe, Portland, Reno, Salt Lake City, and Cheyenne. Also contact local District Offices.

3. Chairman, Interagency Whitewater Committee, U.S. Forest Service, Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, 3620-B Snake River Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho 83501, telephone [208] 743-3648.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Digest is to provide a ready source of recreation boating information about federally managed whitewater rivers in the Western USA. This edition is designed primarily for intra-agency use as a reference document. However, it can also serve as a valuable source to field level receptionists relaying information to the public. Individual pages can easily be copied and sent to those requesting river information.

Since this is a continuing effort, we expect you will find some errors or omissions. Hopefully, our readers will provide us with information to correct these.

The "Digest" is not a complete listing of rivers. It deals only with the rivers that are managed by Federal Agencies and used for whitewater boating in the Western States. The information provided is general in nature, but should help in trip planning. It also lets you know where you can get more detailed information, if you need it.

Use of the Digest is simple. States are grouped as follows: **Oregon-Washington, Idaho, Colorado-Montana-Wyoming, California,** and **Arizona-Nevada-New Mexico-Texas-Utah.**

Each section begins with a sketch map showing the approximate location and identification number for each river. Next comes a matrix listing general information for each river. Finally, a narrative provides more detailed information including addresses and telephone numbers of the responsible river manager. The same river identification number is used on the map, matrix, and narrative.

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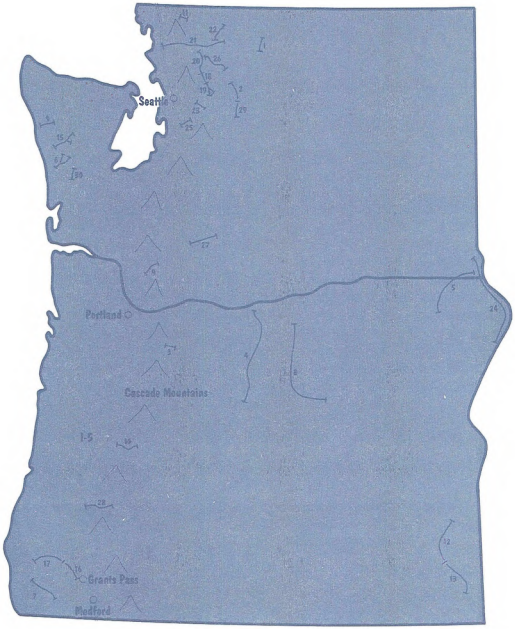

OREGON-WASHINGTON

RIVER NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
RIVER NAME	Charwick	Cimarron	Clackamas	Deschutes	Grand Ronde	Hood/Eliot	Illinois	John Day-Lower 149 mi.	Lostie, Upper	McKenzie	Rockcreek	Deschutes, Lower	Gaston	Sixtowalk	Rogue-Recreation/Scenic	Rogue-Wild	Sauk-Bridal/Whitechuck	Sauk-Bridal/Whitechuck/Clear Cr.	Sauk-Suiattle Clear Creek	Skagit-WSES	Skagit-BPS	Skykomish	Snoho/Nuff/Carpenter	Snoqualmie, N.F.	Satsolla	Tieton	Umpqua-North	Wenatchee	Wynoochee
GENERAL																														
Period Runnable																														
Spring	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Summer		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Fall			x	x	x					x						x	x				x	x				x			
Winter			x	x				x		x	x					x	x				x	x		x	x				
Difficulty																														
I-II	x	x								x				x	x	x				x	x	x							x	
III-IV		x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x					x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
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Limiting Low Flows	x	x	x		x	?	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x			x		x	x		x	x	?
Controlled Flow			x	x												x	x					x		x						
Trip Length—Days	1	1	1	1-3	1-4	1	3-6	1-8	1	1	1/2	3-5	3-5	1/2	1/2	1-4	3-6	1/2	1/2	1/2	3	1	1	1-6	1	1	1	1	1	1
Access to Launch—Road		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
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Visible Parallelling Roads	x	x	x	x						x	x			x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x
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Interpretive Information			x	x								x	x			x	x					x		x		x				
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Swimming			x		x		x	x								x	x						x	x						
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Designation																														
Wild																	x							x		x				
Scenic														x	x	x		x	x	x				x			x			
Recreation			x	x						x						x					x						x			
Wilderness							x																							
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National Recreation Area																						x		x						
Other					x																		x							
COMMERCIAL																														
Power Boat—Upstream				x				x		x						x								x						
Float Boat—Motor					x			x		x						x								x						
Float Boat—Non-motor			x	x	x		x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		
Small Craft—Kayak, etc.			x	x			x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x				x		x	x			x	x		
Number of Outfitters				65	12		3	10		3		30	30	4	4		42	3	3	3	3	9		30		3		13	1	
NON-COMMERCIAL																														
Permits Required							x			x							x					x		x						
Reservations Required																	x							x						
Restrictions on Type of Craft														x	x															
Motors Prohibited							x							x	x		x											x		
Campsite Assigned																														
Portages Required				x			x				x		x		x		x						x			x				

OREGON - WASHINGTON

1. CHEWACK RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Winthrop Ranger District
Okanogan National Forest
Winthrop, WA 98862

No use restrictions • Falls and cascades require scouting.

2. CHIWAWA RIVER - LOWER SECTION (Huckleberry Ford to confluence with Wenatchee River)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Lake Wenatchee Ranger District
Wenatchee National Forest
Star Route, Box 109
Leavenworth, WA 98826
Telephone (509) 763-3211

No use restrictions • Four major access and/or exit points with no launch facilities • River section comprises 14 miles • High water May 20 - July 10 with most of river Class II and III • By August river becomes too low for most types of boating • Longer trips possible by combining with 10 miles of Wenatchee River • Suitable for canoes, kayaks, rafts, and tubers.

3. CLACKAMAS RIVER (upper)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Estacada Ranger District
Mt. Hood National Forest
200 SW Clubhouse Drive
Estacada, OR 97023
Telephone (503) 630-6861

No use restrictions • 1-6 hour trips on 14 miles river • Class III to IV overall with more difficult or impassable stretches • Killer Fang above Indian Henry Campground requires portage; map available • Water temperature 40-50 degrees • Scouting prior to trip recommended • Shuttle route via highway 224 parallel to river • Some outfitter services.

4. DESCHUTES RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
District Manager
Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 550
Prineville, OR 97754
Telephone (503) 447-4115

Only use restriction limits commercial party size to 16 • Very cold water • Not suitable for open canoes • Portage Sherars Falls • Two 50-mile river segments available—2-3 days each • Shuttle 2 hours, paved gravel roads • Variety of commercial outfitting services • Contact District for current information and restrictions • Class III-IV, several challenging rapids.

5. GRANDE RONDE RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Walla-Walla Ranger District
Umatilla National Forest
1415 West Rose Avenue
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Telephone (509) 525-5500, ext. 475

No use restrictions • High water late June • Rattlesnakes • Provide own drinking water • 60 river miles • 50-mile, 2½-hour shuttle, partly paved • Outfitter prices and services vary widely • Intermingled private land.

6. HUMPTULIPS RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Quinault Ranger District
Olympic National Forest
Quinault, WA 98575
Telephone (206) 288-2525

No restrictions • In rain forest.

7. ILLINOIS RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Galice Ranger District
Siskiyou National Forest
P.O. Box 1131
Grants Pass, OR 97526
Telephone (503) 479-3735

Permits required limiting party size to 20; PFD's required • Open canoes not recommended • High flows extremely dangerous • Undeveloped area • Portage Green Wall in high water • Shuttle 150 miles, 4 hours, dirt, gravel, and paved roads • Trip length 32 miles • Outfitter raft trips $200 + • Most items furnished • Part is Wilderness • Oregon Scenic Waterway • Proposed Wild and Scenic River.

8. JOHN DAY RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
District Manager
Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 550
Prineville, OR 97754
Telephone (503) 447-4115

Brief floating season, April-June • Only use restriction limits commercial party size to 16 • Open canoes can be used with portages • Two river segments, 45 and 65 miles • Shuttles 2-3 hours round trip, paved roads • Variety of outfitter services available • Connell rapids varies from Class II-IV • Not runnable below 1,500 cfs.

9. LEWIS RIVER, UPPER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
St. Helens Ranger District
Gifford Pinchot National Forest
Rt.1, Box 369
Amboy, WA 98601
Telephone (206) 247-5473

20-25 mile segment above Swift Creek Reservoir can be run in rafts or kayaks but several dangerous falls require scouting • Use season, November-July • Lower section has been affected by Mt. St. Helen's eruption, but no unusual dangers • Wild-Scenic Study River.

10. McKENZIE RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
McKenzie Ranger District
Willamette National Forest
McKenzie Bridge, OR 97401
Telephone (503) 822-3381

or

U.S. Forest Service
Blue River Ranger District
Willamette National Forest
Blue River, OR 97413
Telephone (503) 822-3317

No use restrictions • Mixed land ownership • Various undeveloped public road access points • Much private land • Hot springs facilities available at a private resort 5 miles east of McKenzie Bridge • Several outfitters-guides operate on the upper McKenzie.

11. NOOKSACK, NORTH FORK RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Glacier Ranger District
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
Glacier, WA 98244
Telephone (206) 599-2714

No restrictions • Other more popular forks are outside National Forest • Dangerous log jams • Primarily suited to kayaks.

12. OWYHEE RIVER, LOWER (Rome to Reservoir)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 700
Vale, OR 97918
Telephone (503) 473-3144

Season of use, March 15-June 15 • Register with Rangers in Rome • Party size limit, 20 • Pack out trash • Fire pans required • Not suitable for open canoes • Portage Morcum Dam • Shuttle, Rome to Reservoir, 70 miles • 47 outfitters; services vary • Proposed Wild and Scenic Study River • Floatable minimum 1,200 cfs - 5-6 day trip.

13. OWYHEE RIVER, UPPER (Three Forks to Rome)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 700
Vale, OR 97918
Telephone (503) 473-3144

Register with Rangers in Rome • 3-4 day trip • Party size limit, 20 • Pack out trash • Fire pans required • Not suitable for open canoes • Professional skill level required • Portages required • Shuttle, 45 miles • Road at Three Forks launch requires 4-wheel drive • Proposed Wild and Scenic Study River.

14. QUEETS RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Olympic National Park
600 East Park Avenue
Port Angeles, WA 98362
Telephone (206) 462-4501, ext. 230

or

Kalaloch Ranger Station
Olympic National Park
Star Route 1, Box 2200
Forks, WA 98331
Telephone (206) 962-2283

Register at Kalaloch R.S. for backcountry permit • River downstream from Park on Quinault Indian Reservation • Check with Tribe before continuing • Pack out trash • Motors prohibited • Recommended day use only • Possible log jams • Queets River, 15 miles gravel road • Put in Queets Campground • Intermediate access points • Contact Olympic NP concession office, ext. 213, for outfitter information • Within National Park.

15. QUINAULT, EAST FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Olympic National Park
600 East Park Avenue
Port Angeles, WA 98362
Telephone (206) 452-4501, ext. 230

or

Quinault River Ranger Station
Olympic National Park
Rt. 2, Box 76
Amanda Park, WA 98526
Telephone (206) 288-2444

Register at Quinault River R.S. for backcountry permit • Pack out trash • Motors prohibited • Recommend day use only • Log jams • During heavy rains river becomes unrunnable • Put in Graves Creek • 14-18 miles, depending on take-out • Contact Olympic NP concession office, ext. 213 for outfitter information • Within National Park.

16. ROGUE RIVER (Recreation/Scenic Sections)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management
3040 Biddle Road
Medford, OR 97501
Telephone (503) 776-4190,
776-3772
FTS 424-4190, 424-3772

or

Rand Information Center
14335 Galice Road
Merlin, OR 97532
Telephone (503) 479-3773
Open 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. daily

Galice Ranger District
Siskiyou National Forest
P.O. Box 1131
Grants Pass, OR 97526
Telephone (503) 479-3735

or

Gold Beach Ranger District
Siskiyou National Forest
P.O. Box 548
Gold Beach, OR 97444
Telephone (503) 247-6651

The Rogue National Wild and Scenic River (Rivers #16 and 17) is administered by two federal and two state agencies • The BLM handles commercial permits and land administration from the mouth of the Applegate River to Marial • The U.S. Forest Service handles noncommercial permits and land administration from Marial to Lobster Creek • Private permits are not required for floating the fifty-one miles of the river designated Recreational and Scenic • These areas often provide the best fishing, wildlife viewing, family boating, and picnicking, and have the easiest access by vehicle • Boat ramps exist approximately every three miles above the Wild Section and three boat ramps exist below the Wild Section • Jet boat trips are available from Grants Pass downstream to Grave Creek, and from Gold Beach upstream • Because of some Class III rapids, it is recommended that only advanced canoeists attempt the Recreational/Scenic Sections.

17. ROGUE RIVER (Wild)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management
3040 Biddle Road
Medford, OR 97501
Telephone (503) 776-4190,
776-3772
FTS 424-4190, 424-3772

or

Rand Information Center
14335 Galice Road
Merlin, OR 97532
Telephone (503) 479-3773
Open 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. daily
Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day weekend

Galice Ranger District
Siskiyou National Forest
P.O. Box 1131
Grants Pass, OR 97526
Telephone (503) 479-3735

or

Gold Beach Ranger District
Siskiyou National Forest
P.O. Box 548
Gold Beach, OR 97444
Telephone (503) 247-6651

The River has some Class IV rapids and is ideal for whitewater enthusiasts • Open canoes not recommended • Permits required from the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day • Applications accepted beginning January 1 at Galice Ranger District, Siskiyou National Forest • Party size limit 20 people • The number of permits is restricted to 120 people per day • A common pool is available • Self-contained stoves, firepans, or charcoal removal are recommended • Check on current fire regulations when picking up permit at Rand • There are 27 chemical and pit toilets on the Wild Section • The shuttle road from Galice to Foster Bar 40 miles, approximately two hours one way • Shuttle services can be arranged from the Galice area to Foster Bar • Commercial outfitter services are available for rafts, drift boats, inflatable tahitis, and kayaks.

18, 19, 20. SAUK RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Darrington Ranger District
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
Darrington, WA 98241
Telephone (206) 436-1155

Bedal-Whitechuck, 8.3 miles, Class II-III, gradient 37.5 ft./mile; log jams • Whitechuck to Clear Creek, 7 miles, Class IV-V, recommend expert kayak and raft • Below Clear Creek, 25-30 miles, outside of National Forest boundary, but classified as a Scenic River component in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System • One launch permitted per day • No overnight use • Commercial river trip available, variable rates.

21. SKAGIT RIVER (Bacon Creek to Sedro Wooley)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Baker River Ranger District
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
Concrete, WA 98284
Telephone (206) 826-3118

High and fast spring flows dangerous for open canoes • 58.5-mile river trip • Class I+ • Commercial raft trips, 10 people per raft; $25-35 per person per day • Temperature 40-55°F. • Winter trips offered to view bald eagles • Fall trips to view salmon and fall colors • Most river use is from steelhead fishermen in late fall and winter • Intermingled private lands • Use campsites on the river islands rather than private lands along the river banks • Wild and Scenic River and its tributaries, Cascade, Sauk, Suiattle, outside of National Forest boundary, but classified as a National Recreational River in the Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

22. SKAGIT RIVER (Newhalem to Bacon Creek)

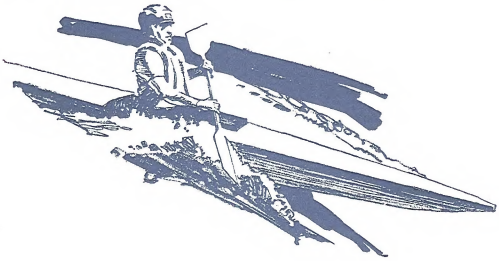
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
District Manager
National Park Service
Marblemount, WA 98267
Telephone (206) 873-4590

Acquire permit at Marblemount Ranger Station or self-issue at Goodell Creek Campground • Pack out trash • Fires only in designated areas • Water temperature 34-50°F. • Controlled flow from Gorge Dam fluctuates flows • 9½ to 14 miles averages ½ day • No campgrounds on river • Four outfitters, 2-4 hour trips • Prices vary • Information on natural features.

23. SKYKOMISH RIVER (South Fork - Above Skykomish)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Skykomish Ranger District
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
Skykomish, WA 98288
Telephone (206) 677-2414

Launches assigned on first-come, first-served basis • Applications accepted year-round • Approval requires 60-90 days • Pack out trash • State safety requirements enforced • Above Gold Bar, helmets and life jackets must be worn • Spring flows fluctuate quickly • Obstacles at low summer flows • Portages required • Access points limited, some on private land • Runnable segments of river separated by unrunnable water falls • Upper section 8.7 miles, Class II-III, gradient 23 ft./mi., put-ins Skykomish City Park, BNRR Reload-Beckler River R.D., Foss River R.D. Bridge, take-outs Money Creek, Baring • Sunset Falls section, 3.3 miles, Class III-IV, gradient 21.8 ft./mi., put-ins Sunset Falls, US #2 below Index Jct., take-outs Needle Drop, Powerline Drop, Boulder Drop • Commercial outfitters operate outside National Forest • State Scenic River • Most popular as kayak river.



24. SNAKE RIVER (Hells Canyon)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Hells Canyon National Recreation Area
Wallowa/Whitman National Forest
3620-B Snake River Avenue
Lewiston, Idaho 83501
Telephone [208] 743-3648 [General information]
[208] 743-2297 [River reservations and confirmations ONLY]

Advance reservations and permits are required from May 15 through September 15 • Reservations issued beginning December 1 annually • All reservations taken on a special reservation phone line [208-743-2297] • Penalties for no-shows • Confirmations required • Party size limit, 30 • Fire closure July 1 to September 15 • Fire pans required outside of closure period • Not suitable for open canoes • Shuttle varies 200-300 miles one way, paved and gravel roads • 16 float outfitters; 20 powerboat outfitters • Trips $75 to $500.

25. SNOQUALMIE, MIDDLE FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
North Bend Ranger District
Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest
North Bend, WA 98045
Telephone [206] 888-1421

No restrictions • Recommend kayaks and expert canoes • Runnable May-early July • Flows out of Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

26. SUIATTLE

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Darrington Ranger District
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
Darrington, WA 98241
Telephone [206] 436-1155

The Suiattle River within the National Forest boundary is unnavigable due to the 1980 flood • Log jams and much debris exist • Downstream from Forest boundary to Sauk River is navigable • Class II-III water • Outfitter guide services available.

27. TIETON RIVER (Lower, Rimrock Lake to Naches River)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Naches Ranger District
Wenatchee National Forest
630 Highway 12
Naches, WA 98937
Telephone (509) 653-2205

Portage required around 5-foot irrigation dam • Controlled flows, fluctuates • May through mid-September 20 miles • Numerous access sites with paralleling roads.

28. NORTH UMPQUA

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Umpqua National Forest
P.O. Box 1008
Roseburg, OR 97470
Telephone (503) 672-6601

or

Bureau of Land Management
777 NW Garden Valley Blvd.
Roseburg, OR 97470
Telephone (503) 672-4491

Dangerous at high flows • Water temperature 55-78°F. • Portages required at low flows • 32 miles • Popular steelhead fishing river • Voluntary river running guidelines are in effect to reduce conflicts between rafters and fishermen.

29. WENATCHEE RIVER (Upper Section)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Leavenworth Ranger District
Wenatchee National Forest
600 Sherbourne
Leavenworth, WA 98826
Telephone (509) 782-1413

or

U.S. Forest Service
Lake Wenatchee Ranger District
Wenatchee National Forest
Star Route, Box 109
Leavenworth, WA 98826
Telephone (509) 763-3211

15-20 miles • Class II and III water during May 20 to July 10 • Remainder of year, low water suitable for canoes, kayaks, rafts, and tubers • Mostly day use • Other whitewater segments outside National Forest.

30. WYNOOCHEE RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Shelton Ranger District
Olympic National Forest
2904 Olympic Highway No.
Shelton, WA 98584
Telephone (206) 426-8265

Boating begins at Wynoochee Falls Campground, unrunnable above this point • Length 4 miles to Wynoochee Reservoir • ¼ mile below Wynoochee Dam river is runnable for 5.5 miles to Forest boundary • Small fish barrier in this section requires portage.

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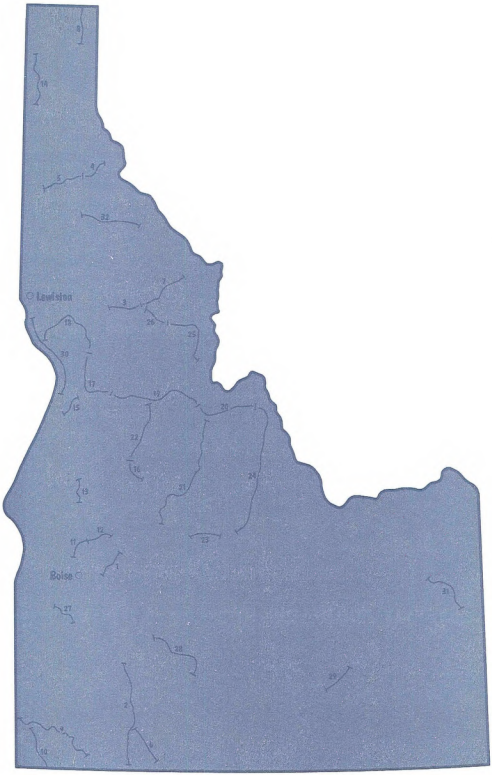

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RIVER NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
RIVER NAME	Boise, North Fork	Bruneau	Clearwater Middle Fork	Coeur d'Alene, Upper	Coeur d'Alene, Lower	Jarbidge	Lochsa	Owyhee	Owyhee	Payette, South Fork	Payette, Middle Fork Downstream Bound	Payette, South Fork	Payette, Cabarton Bridge-Smiths Ferry	Priest	Rapid	Salmon-East Fork of the South Fork	Salmon, Lower USFS/BLM	Salmon, Lower	Salmon, Main	Salmon, Main North Fork to Corn Cr.	Salmon, Middle Fork	Salmon, South Fork	Salmon, Upper Main USFS	Salmon, Upper Main BLM	Selway	Selway, Lower	Snake River, Gorge of Prop BLM	Snake River, Main	Snake-American Falls Dam	Snake, Hells Canyon	Snake, South Fork	St. Joe
GENERAL																																
Period Runnable																																
Spring	x	x		x		x	x		x		x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Summer	x		x	x	x		x	x			x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Fall	x		x		x						x						x	x	x	x	x		x	x			x	x	x		x	
Winter																																
Difficulty																																
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III-IV	x	x				x	x	x				x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x							x
V+							x					x									x											
Hazardous High Flows	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x						x
Limiting Low Flows	x	x		x		x		x	x		x		x	x	x	x	?					x		x	x	x						x
Controlled Flow											x		x	x													x	x	x		x	
Trip Length--Days	1-2	3-6	1-2	1-2	1-3	1-3	1-2	3-6			1-2	1-2	1	1-2		1	1-5	1-5	4-7	1-3	1-10	1-3	1	1	3-6	1-2	1-2	1	1		1-2	1
Access to Launch--Road	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Access to Launch--Air						x						x				x					x	x			x							
Shuttle Service		x				x				SEE NEVADA (P77)									x	x	x				x							
Visible Paralleling Roads			x	x	x		x	x			x	x	x	x		x	x	x			x		x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x
Visible Paralleling Trails																			x		x	x		x	x							
Maps Available		x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x					x
Interpretive Information			x	x			x												x		x				x		x					x
Fishing	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Hunting			x	x			x	x						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x		x	x
Hiking Trails	x						x								x	x			x	x	x	x			x	x					x	x
Swimming	x		x	x			x				x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x				x	x
Hot Springs		x					x		x			x							x		x		x									
Designation																																
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Other																	x	x	x	x						x						
COMMERCIAL																																
Power Boat--Upstream					x												x	x	x								x					
Float Boat--Motor					x												x	x						x			x					
Float Boat--Non-motor		x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x					x
Small Craft--Kayak, etc.				x	x			x				x		x			x	x	x	x	x		x									x
Number of Outfitters		4				4	1		6		3	3	1				49	49	30	12	26		8	3	4		5	1				2
NON-COMMERCIAL																																
Permits Required																			x		x				x							
Reservations Required																			x		x				x							
Restrictions on Type of Craft																																
Motors Prohibited		x				x			x												x		x		x							
Campsites Assigned																					x											
Portages Required		x				x		x	x				x																			

SEE OREGON-WASHINGTON (P25)

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1. BOISE RIVER, NORTH FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Idaho City Ranger District
Boise National Forest
P.O. Box 22
Idaho City, ID 83631
Telephone (208) 392-6681

Period runnable varies • Early to late spring extremely dangerous • Rock obstructions in summer to fall • Small boats are best • No commercial services • Log obstructions may last all season • Shuttle 50 miles on dirt roads • Contact District before planning trip for current river conditions.

2, 6. BRUNEAU AND JARBIDGE RIVERS

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Boise District
3948 Development Ave.
Boise, ID 83705
Telephone (208) 334-1582

Voluntary registration to aid visitor use data collection • Party size limit, 10 • Pack out trash • Fire pans suggested • Suggest kayaks only on West Fork Bruneau, small rafts only, no open canoes, only experienced boaters • Shuttle 4 to 8 hours for 2-6 day trip • Four outfitters, all use rafts • Shuttles can be arranged at gas station in Bruneau • Information above applies to Jarbidge, West Fork Bruneau, and main stem Bruneau.

3. CLEARWATER, MIDDLE FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Lochsa Ranger District
Clearwater National Forest
Kooskia, ID 83539
Telephone (208) 926-4275

22 miles Lowell to Kooskia • U.S. Highway 12 parallels river • Season May through August • Scouting recommended for open canoes • No commercial outfitters • Intermingled private land on both sides of river • Wild and Scenic River "Recreation" designation.

4. COEUR d'ALENE RIVER (upper)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Wallace Ranger District
Idaho Panhandle National Forest
Box 14
Silverton, ID 83867
Telephone (208) 752-1221

Dangerous at high water • Power boats not recommended • Intermediate Class II canoe water, spring and early summer • Inner tubes summer-fall.

5. COEUR d'ALENE RIVER (lower, below Cataldo)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Fernan Ranger District
Idaho Panhandle National Forest
2502 E. Sherman Ave.
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
Telephone (208) 667-2561, ext. 381

or

Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 1889
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
Telephone (208) 667-2561, ext. 356

Canoeable streams • Intermingled private lands • Developed access is limited.

6. JARBIDGE RIVER

See No. 2, Bruneau River.

7. LOCHSA RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Lochsa Ranger District
Clearwater National Forest
Kooskia, ID 83539
Telephone (208) 926-4275

or

U.S. Forest Service
Powell Ranger District
Clearwater National Forest
Lolo, MT 59847
Telephone (208) 942-3113

Season mid-May to mid-July • Not recommended for open canoes • Intermediate to advanced skills needed • Minimally developed access sites along U.S. Highway 12 paralleling river • 65 miles from Powell Ranger Station to Lowell • Two commercial outfitters • Wild and Scenic River - "Recreational" designation.

8. MOYIE RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Bonners Ferry Ranger District
Idaho Panhandle National Forest
Route 1, Box 390
Bonners Ferry, ID 83805
Telephone (208) 267-5561

Dangerous in spring • Floating limited early May to mid-June • Power boats not recommended • Canada to Meadow Creek Campground Class II canoe run • Meadow Creek - Moyie Springs Dam Class III and IV, recommend rafts, lower two miles precipitous side slopes • Dam is unrunnable, requires portage.

9. OWYHEE RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Boise District
3948 Development Ave.
Boise, ID 83705
Telephone (208) 334-1582

Voluntary registration to aid visitor use data collection • Party size limit, 12 • Pack out trash • Suggest fire pans • Portages • Shuttle 6-12 hours • 4-wheel drive suggested and sometimes necessary.

10. OWHYEE, SOUTH FORK

See Nevada #18.

11. PAYETTE RIVER (Middle Fork - Horseshoe Bend)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Boise District
3948 Development Ave.
Boise, ID 83705
Telephone (208) 334-1582

Spring runoff dangerous • Shuttle time 1-2 hours via paralleling paved road • Above Banks, Class III, recommend kayaks and small rafts • Below Banks, Class II-III, recommend kayaks, rafts, and expert canoeists • Day trips unless combined with South Fork Payette • Limited outfitter services.

12. PAYETTE, SOUTH FORK (Upper Grand Jean - Deadwood River)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Lowman Ranger District
Boise National Forest
Lowman, ID 83637
Telephone (208) 342-2744

Runnable end May to mid-June during high water • Dangerous rocky channels, obstructions • Recommend kayaks and small craft only • Limited flow as summer progresses • Heavy fishing use • One day, 28 miles, several road access points • developed campgrounds • Commercial outfitter services available.

13. PAYETTE RIVER (Cabarton Bridge - Smiths Ferry)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Boise District
3948 Development Ave.
Boise, ID 83705
Telephone (208) 334-1582

Rafts and kayaks recommended • Falls above Smiths Ferry may require portage.

14. PRIEST RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Priest Lake Ranger District
Idaho Panhandle National Forest
Route 5, Box 207
Priest River, ID 83856
Telephone (208) 443-2512

Dangerous at high water, April to late May, early October to November • Inflatable rafts, canoes, kayaks • Power boats not recommended • Limited access points • Intermingled private lands • Paralleled by gravel roads at intermediate points • Priest Lake to Pend Oreille River 44 miles • Dickensheet Campground - McAbee Falls suitable for open canoes, Chipmunk Rapids Class II, 5-9 hours • McAbee Falls - Priest River Class III, suitable for small rafts and kayaks, day trips.

15. RAPID RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Salmon River Ranger District
Nez Perce National Forest
White Bird, ID 83554
Telephone (208) 839-2211

No boating opportunities; small, steep, rocky creek • Trail access foot or horseback only • "Wild" component of Wild and Scenic River System within Hells Canyon National Recreation Area • Dedicated to high quality water for chinook salmon.

16. SALMON RIVER, EAST FORK OF SOUTH FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Krassel Ranger District
Payette National Forest
McCall, ID 83638
Telephone (208) 634-2255

Pack out trash • Dangerous at high water over 5 feet at Krassel Ranger Station usually in June • Kayaks and rafts suitable for large and difficult water needed • In lower flows suitable only for kayaks • Daily river readings in spring and summer • Contact District Office for information • Snow blocks shuttle road until May 1 • Shuttle on Forest Service road paralleling river.

17. SALMON RIVER, LOWER (Vinegar Creek White Bird)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management
Rt. 3, Box 181
Cottonwood, ID 83522
Telephone (208) 962-3245

or

U.S. Forest Service
Salmon River Ranger District
Nez Perce National Forest
White Bird, ID 83554
Telephone (208) 839-2211

Voluntary registration • Fire pans required • Party size limit, 30 on BLM lands • Dangerous at high flows in June • 4,000 to 12,000 cfs is optimum • Possible to float at higher flows but higher skill levels are required • Trips of any length up to 70 miles are possible • Paralleled by paved and gravel roads • Developed and undeveloped access • Intermingled private lands • Variety of outfitting services • Wild and Scenic Study River, proposed recreational component.

18. SALMON RIVER, LOWER (White Bird downstream)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Rt. 3, Box 181
Cottonwood, ID 83522
Telephone (208) 962-3245

Non-limiting self-issuing permit for entry into Snake River must be completed at lower Salmon put-in point • Party size limit 30 • Fire pans required • Pack out trash • Flood flows in June extremely hazardous to unrunnable • Not recommended for open canoes since portages are difficult • 1-6 day trips up to 80 miles • 125-mile shuttle one way, mostly paved roads • Two intermediate road access points • Power and floatboat outfitter services available • Wild and Scenic Study River; recommended Scenic component.

19. SALMON RIVER, MAIN (Corn Creek to Vinegar Creek)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
North Fork Ranger District
Salmon National Forest
North Fork, ID 83466
Telephone (208) 865-2383

Advance reservations and permits required June 20-September 7 • Applications accepted December 1 to January 31 • Party size limit, 30 • One trip per person per season limit • Dangerous high flows in June, advanced boatman skills recommended • Shuttle 385 miles, paved and gravel • Trip length 80 miles, 4-6 days • Variety of outfitter services • Shuttle service available • Wild and Scenic Study River • Adjacent wilderness area.

20. SALMON RIVER, MAIN (North Fork to Corn Creek)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
North Fork Ranger District
Salmon National Forest
North Fork, ID 83466
Telephone (208) 865-2383

One-two day floats • Parallel road offers easy access • Suitable for rafts and kayaks • Component of Wild and Scenic River System, designated National Recreational River.

21. SALMON, MIDDLE FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Middle Fork Ranger District
Challis National Forest
Challis, ID 83226
Telephone (208) 879-4321

Advance reservations and permits required June 1-September 3 • Applications accepted December 1-January 31 • Party size limit, 15 • One trip per person per year limit • Campsites assigned. 8-day stay limit • Motors prohibited • Pack out trash • Fire pans and ash containers required • Water temperature 38-60°F. • Boats suitable for large technical white water recommended • Open canoes not recommended • Recommend advanced boatman skill level • Trip length, Boundary Creek-Cache Bar, 5-6 days, about 100 miles • Shuttle 270 miles via gravel and paved road • Snow blocks road access until June 15 • Air access available at two intermediate points • Wild and Scenic River, designated "Wild" component • Porta pottie or self-contained toilets required for groups camping below Big Creek.

22. SALMON, SOUTH FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Krassel Ranger District
Payette National Forest
McCall, ID 83638
Telephone (208) 634-2255

Pack out trash • Fire restrictions • Extremely dangerous when flow above 5 feet at Krassel Ranger Station, usually in June • Technical Class V river, expert skill level recommended • Daily river readings in spring and summer • Contact District Office for information • Variable trip lengths possible due to Forest Service road access • Access via Lick Creek Summit closed until July 1 and via Big Creek closed until May 1 • Information and services can be obtained at Yellow Pine.

23. SALMON, UPPER MAIN (Stanley to Sawtooth NRA boundary)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Stanley Zone Manager
Sawtooth National Recreation Area
Stanley, ID 83278
Telephone (208) 774-3511

Use restricted to day use only • Motors prohibited • Pack out trash to centralized garbage collection area • High June flows extremely dangerous • Sunbeam Hot Springs to Torrey's Hole not suitable for open canoes • Advanced boatman skills and boats suited for technical white water recommended • Water temperature 38-50°F. • Six day-use outfitters, 5 oar-powered rafts, 1 kayak.

24. SALMON RIVER, UPPER MAIN (Clayton to Tower Rock)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Salmon District
P.O. Box 430
Salmon, ID 83467
Telephone (208) 756-2201

River suited to day use, flowing primarily through agricultural valleys and small canyons • Outfitters in Salmon, Idaho offer day trips.

25. SELWAY (upper, Paradise to Selway Falls)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
West Fork Ranger District
Bitterroot National Forest
Darby, MT 59829
Telephone (406) 821-3269

Advance reservations and permits required May 15-August 1 • Applications accepted December 1-January 1 • Party size limit, 16 • One trip per person per year limit • Campsites not assigned • One launch per day • Motors prohibited • Pack out trash • Fire pans recommended • Extremely dangerous at high flows above 6 feet on gauge at Paradise • Water temperature 38 + °F. • Advanced boatman skill levels and suitable boats for large technical white water recommended • Not suitable for open canoes and paddleboats or for late summer, fall, and winter floating • Paradise to Selway Falls 47 miles • Shuttle 245 miles graveled and paved roads • Snow blocks road access until mid-May or later • Air access at two intermediate points, Shearer and Moose Creek • Designated Wilderness and Wild River.

26. SELWAY (lower, Selway Falls to Lowell)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Selway Ranger District
Nez Perce National Forest
P.O. Box 91
Kooskia, ID 83539
Telephone (208) 926-4258

Water temperature 40-70°F. • Usable by most boats except during high water • Variable trip lengths up to 20 miles with road following river • Eight developed campgrounds • Suitable for floating from late March through summer • Some private lands.

27. SNAKE RIVER (Swan Falls Dam to Walters Ferry)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Boise District
3948 Development Ave.
Boise, ID 83705
Telephone (208) 334-1582

Shuttle 1-2 hours • Five licensed outfitters • Within Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Area • Canoes and rafts recommended.

28. SNAKE RIVER (lower, Salmon Falls Dam to Bliss - Bliss to King Hill)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Boise District
3948 Development Ave.
Boise, ID 83705
Telephone (208) 334-1582

Day trip sections • One-hour shuttle • Private lands.

29. SNAKE RIVER (American Falls Dam to Massacre Rock State Park)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Shoshone District
P.O. Box 2B
Shoshone, ID 83352
Telephone (208) 886-2208

15-mile shuttle • Day trip river.

30. SNAKE RIVER, HELLS CANYON

See Oregon and Washington, #24, page 11.

31. SNAKE RIVER, SOUTH FORK (Palisades Dam - Heise)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Idaho Falls District
940 Lincoln Road
Idaho Falls, ID 83401
Telephone (208) 529-1020

Pack out trash • No use restrictions • Three major boat ramp sites - Palisades Dam, Conant Valley, and Heise • Trip lengths - Palisades Dam to Conant Valley 15 miles, 3½-4 hours; Conant Valley to Poplar 26 miles, 6-9 hours, Scenic canyon float • Major irrigation diversion east of Heise and 1 mile down river from Poplar landing, takes ½ of river flow and is EXTREMELY hazardous. Floating beyond Poplar is not advised due to dams, diversion and channel modifications • Water flow controlled at Palisades Dam • During high water, standing waves and whirlpools may be dangerous to open canoes.

32. ST. JOE RIVER (Gold Creek - St. Joe City)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
St. Maries Ranger District
Idaho Panhandle National Forest
St. Maries, ID 83861
Telephone (208) 245-2531
(Winter)

or

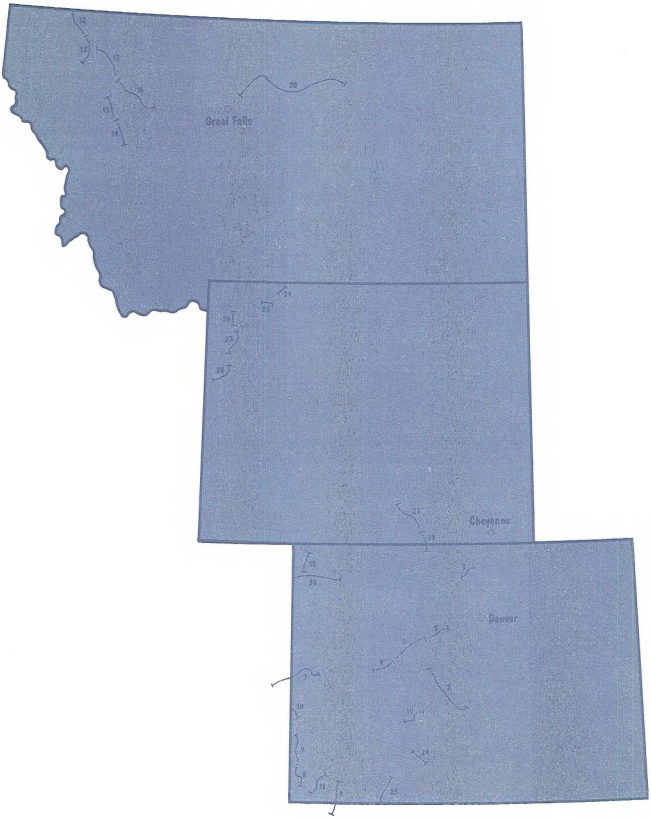
U.S. Forest Service
Avery Ranger District
Idaho Panhandle National Forest
Avery, ID 83802
Telephone (208) 245-4517

or

Red Ives Ranger District
Idaho Panhandle National Forest
P.O. Box 37
Avery, ID 83802
(Summer)

Dangerous at high flows • Gold Creek to Avery advanced skills recommended • Not suitable for late summer or fall trips • Parallel road provides easy access and variable trip lengths • Some private lands • Wild and Scenic River above North Fork St. Joe.

Colorado - Montana - Wyoming



COLORADO-MONTANA-WYOMING

RIVER NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
RIVER NAME												FLATHEAD																		
GENERAL	Animas	Arkansas	Cache la Poudre	Colorado-Glenwood Canyon	Colorado-Pinyonesa to State Bridge	Colorado-State Bridge to Dotsero	Colorado-Loma Westwater	Dolores-Colwan to Stick Rock	Dolores-Stick Rock to Bed Rock	Dolores-Gateway to Utah line	Dolores-USFS	N. Fork Scenic	N. Fork Rec.	S. Fork Wild.	S. Fork Rec.	Middle Fork Wild.	Middle Fork Rec.	Green River-Dinosaur	Gunnison	Missouri, Upper	N. Platte-USFS	N. Platte-BLM	Platte	Rio Grande	Shoshone, North Fork	Snake-Flagg Canyon	Snake-Jackson Dam to Alpine	Snake-Grand Canyon	Yellowstone-Clark Fork	Yampa-Dinosaur
Period Runnable																														
Spring	x				x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Summer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Fall				x		x	x					x	x		x		x	x	x	x							x	x		
Winter																														
Difficulty																														
I-II	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x				x	x		x		x			x			
III-IV			x	x				x			x		x	x			x	x			x		x		x	x		x		x
V+	x		x													x													x	
Hazardous High Flows	x	x	x	x				x			x			x		x					x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x
Limiting Low Flows	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x			x		x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x
Controlled Flow					x	x	x											x	x								x	x		
Trip Length—Days	1	1	1	1	1-3	1-3	1-2	2-3	2-3	1-3	1-5	1-3	1	1-5	1	1-3	1-3	3-4	1	2-7	1-3	1-3	2-3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4-5
Access to Launch—Road	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Access to Launch—Air																x				x										
Shuttle Service	x	x		x							x									x				x	x					
Visible Paralleling Roads	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x		x		x	x				x	x	x	x	x		
Visible Paralleling Trails	x										x								x			x	x			x				
Maps Available	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x			x	x	x		x
Interpretive Information																											x			
Fishing	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hunting		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x				x	x		x	x		x			x	x	
Hiking Trails	x				x						x			x		x		x	x		x	x	x			x				
Swimming		x					x	x	x	x									x	x		x						x		
Hot Springs				x																		x						x		
Designation																														
Wild														x		x				x										
Scenic				x								x								x										
Recreation													x		x		x		x	x		x								
Wilderness														x		x														
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COMMERCIAL																														
Power Boat—Upstream							x															x								
Float Boat—Motor							x			x										x		x								
Float Boat—Non-motor	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x
Small Craft—Kayak, etc.	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x						x	x		x	x	x	x			x	x	x		x
Number of Outfitters	2	30	2	20	50	20	20	25	25	10	15	3	3	5	1	3	8	11		8	21		1		1	1	16	8		11
NON-COMMERCIAL																														
Permits Required			x															x		x						x	x			x
Reservations Required																		x												x
Restrictions on Type of Craft			x															x											x	x
Motors Prohibited												x		x	x	x	x	x								x	x	x		x
Campsites Assigned																		x												
Portages Required			x											x		x							x							

COLORADO - MONTANA - WYOMING

1. ANIMAS RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Animas Ranger District
San Juan National Forest
701 Camino Del Rio
Durango, CO 81301
Telephone (303) 259-0195

or

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Ignacio, CO 81137
Telephone (303) 563-4525
ext. 443 or 442

Southern Ute Indian tribe requires permit for activities on Indian land • Lower portion best in spring and early summer • Federally managed upper portion (above Baker's Bridge) is unrunnable year-around • Shuttle varies 10-35 miles • Two outfitters offer full and half-day trips from Durango area to lower portion of river.

2. ARKANSAS RIVER (Kobe to Parksdale)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Royal Gorge Resource Area
831 Royal Gorge Blvd.
P.O. Box 1470
Canon City, CO 81212
Telephone (303) 275-7578

Certain sites along the river may be closed or restricted to use • Fire pans and porta potties recommended • Flash flood hazards • Water temperature 32-64°F. • Dangerous above 4,000 cfs and below 150 cfs • Two river segments—Granite through Browns Canyon suitable for kayaks - Buena Vista through Browns Canyon suitable for rafting • Shuttle, 35 miles • Salida to Parkdale shuttle is 40 miles • Numerous public and private accesses • Contact BLM and local land owners prior to launching.

3. CACHE la POUDRE

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Estes-Poudre District
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests
148 Remington St.
Ft. Collins, CO 80524
Telephone (303) 482-3822

Permits required • Obtain at Sheriff's Office • Craft restrictions • PFD's required by State • Runnable May 15-July 15 except when in flood • Dangerous above 4,000 cfs • Average trip length 1 mile • Wild and Scenic study river.

4. COLORADO RIVER (Glenwood Canyon)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Eagle Ranger District
White River National Forest
Box 720
Eagle, CO 81631
Telephone (303) 328-6388

River may be closed during construction of I-70 - Check with local ranger • Temperature 35-65°F. • Shoshone to Grizzly Creek Class IV closed during spring runoff • Advanced skill level recommended • Trip distance 9 miles • Full and half-day outfitter trips, $18-32.

5. COLORADO RIVER (Pumphouse to State Bridge)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Kremmling Resource Area
P.O. Box 68
Kremmling, CO 80459
Telephone (303) 724-3438

Certain sites may be closed or restricted to use • Fire pans recommended • Flash flood hazards • Water temperature 35-65°F. • Highest flows mid-May • Shuttle one way 16 miles • Intermediate access involves 12-mile shuttle • Private lands • Contact BLM • Variety of outfitter services and prices.

6. COLORADO RIVER (State Bridge to Dotsero)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Glenwood Springs Resource Area
P.O. Box 1009
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
Telephone (303) 945-2341

Certain sites may be closed to use • Fire pans recommended • Flash flood hazards • Water temperature 34-65°F. • Highest flows late May to mid-June • Shuttle 1½-2 hours, 50 miles, gravel roads • Additional downstream access points available, some on private lands • Contact BLM.

7. COLORADO RIVER (Loma to Westwater)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Grand Junction Resource Area
764 Horizon Drive
P.O. Box 1509
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Telephone (303) 243-6552

Certain sites may be closed to use • Fire pans recommended • Flash flood hazards • Water temperature 35-65°F. • Highest flows in June • One-way shuttle, 40 miles • One-two day trips • Wide variety outfitter services • Approximately $40 per day • Wild and Scenic study river • No permits required • Private lands interspersed along river.

8, 9. DOLORES RIVER (Cahone to Slickrock to Bedrock)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Montrose District Office
2265 So. Townsend
P.O. Box 1269
Montrose, CO 81402
Telephone (303) 249-7791

Certain sites may be closed to use • Fire pans recommended • Floating marginal at less than 1,000 cfs • Water temperatures highly variable • Open canoes not recommended Cahone to Slickrock • Cahone to Slickrock 44 river miles • Shuttle one way 33 miles, paved and gravel roads • Slickrock to Bedrock 58 river miles • Shuttle one way 60 miles, paved roads • Dirt strip air access at Dove Creek • Private lands, cooperate with owners • Limited camping facilities • Variety of outfitter services • Proposed for inclusion in Wild and Scenic River System.

10. DOLORES RIVER (Gateway to Utah line)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Grand Junction Resource Area
764 Horizon Drive
P.O. Box 1509
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Telephone (303) 243-6552

Certain sites may be closed to use • Fire pans recommended • Flash flood hazards • Water temperature 35-60°F. • Floatable during spring runoff, May and early June • Old water diversion structure near State line • Shuttle 10 miles, 8 river miles • Can be combined with upstream and downstream segments for longer trips • Private lands • Wild and Scenic study river • No permits required.

11. DOLORES RIVER (USFS)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Dolores Ranger District
San Juan National Forest
P.O. Box 210
Dolores, CO 81323
Telephone (303) 882-7296

Very little use • Obstructions such as fences block the river • Short use season.

12, 13. FLATHEAD RIVER, NORTH FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Glacier View Ranger District
Flathead National Forest
Box W
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
Telephone (406) 892-4372

or

Glacier National Park
West Glacier, MT 59936
Telephone (406) 888-5441

Backcountry permits required for camping on National Park side of river • Pack out trash • Fire pans or stoves recommended • No motors in scenic segment • Under 10hp motors allowed in recreation segment • Recreational segment not recommended for open canoes • Very cold water • Columbia Falls to Canadian border shuttle one way 58 miles, gravel and paved roads • Launch sites available • Intermittent private lands adjacent to river, cooperate with owners • High flow late May - mid June • Three outfitters, all oar powered rafts.

14, 15. FLATHEAD RIVER, SOUTH FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Spotted Bear Ranger District
Flathead National Forest
Hungry Horse, MT 59919
Telephone (406) 387-5243 Nov. 31 - May 9
(406) 755-7311 May 10 - Nov. 20

Pack out trash • Fire pans or stoves recommended • Meadow Creek Gorge near the mouth of Bunker Creek is impassible in highwater • High probability of damaging boats in lower flow • Portage of 4 miles required, take-out point signed • Shuttle Hungry Horse to Spotted Bear, 57 miles, gravel road • Spotted Bear to Bunker Creek, 17 miles, gravel road • Bunker Creek to headwaters, 35 miles via trail, pack stock or hiking • Air access at Meadow Creek below the gorge • Five outfitters on wild section, one on recreation section • All use oar-powered rafts • Spotted Bear to headwaters designated wild • Bunker Creek to headwaters in designated Wilderness • Motors over 10hp prohibited on recreational section.

16, 17. FLATHEAD RIVER, MIDDLE FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

[Wild and Recreation Section]
U.S. Forest Service
Hungry Horse Ranger District
Flathead National Forest
Hungry Horse, MT 59919
Telephone (406) 387-5243

or

[Recreation Section]
Glacier National Park
West Glacier, MT 59936
Telephone (406) 888-5441

Backcountry permits required for camping on National Park side of river • Pack out trash • Fire pans or stoves recommended • Very cold water • Not recommended for open canoes • Dangerous at high flows • River unsuitable for fall, winter floating • Lower river Hungry Horse to Bear Creek, shuttle 44 miles, paved road • Access upper river (wild section) by air, Schafer airstrip, or pack trail • Five outfitters (recreation section) use oar-powered rafts and one uses dories • Wild section all three outfitters use oar-powered rafts • Wild river is in Wilderness • Motors over 10hp prohibited on recreational section.

18. GREEN RIVER (Dinosaur National Monument including Yampa River)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Dinosaur National Monument
P.O. Box 210
Dinosaur, CO 81610
Telephone (303) 374-2216

Permits required • Applications for trips May 10 - September 10 must be submitted between December 1 and January 15 • Low-use season and Split Mountain one-day trips reserved on a first come, first served basis • Party size limit, 25 • One trip per person per year for May 10 - September 10 period • Repeat trips permitted for Split Mountain day use and low use season, September 11-May • Campsites are assigned • Motors prohibited • Minimum raft specifications: 11-ft. length, four air chambers • Pack out trash and ashes • Fire pans and pit toilets provided in campsites • Green River flows regulated by Flaming Gorge Dam, 800-4,000 cfs • Yampa River high flows in May and June, generally unsuitable for floating in late summer, fall, and winter • Deerlodge to Split Mountain, three-five-day river trip, 89-mile shuttle, paved roads • Lodore to Split Mountain, three- or four-day trip, 139-mile shuttle, seven miles unpaved • One-day trip use, Rainbow Park access, 28 miles shuttle, mostly unpaved roads; roads impassible when wet • Proposed Wilderness and Wild status.

19. GUNNISON RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
National Park Service
Curecanti National Recreation Area
P.O. Box 1040
Gunnison, CO 81230
Telephone (303) 641-0406

Snags and fencing may present navigation hazards • Five miles within NRA • Upstream from above NRA is also used for rafting and kayaking • For additional information on river running above or below the NRA, contact the above number for referral to other sources of information.

20. MISSOURI, UPPER (Ft. Benton - Hwy. U.S. 191)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
River Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Airport Road
Lewistown, MT 59457
Telephone (406) 538-7461

Permits required weekend before Memorial Day to weekend after Labor Day • Free use permits available at primary launch points • Maximum party size, 50 • Campsites not assigned • Motors allowed, but boats must be kept at wakeless speeds in wild and scenic segments during primary use season • Extended up-river travel not allowed in wild and scenic segments during primary use season • Pack out trash • Cat sanitation required at most campsites • Large craft and motorboats may have trouble during low water • Canoes most popular craft • Low ferry cables in three locations, rattlesnakes, ticks, and extremes in weather • Recommend packing water • Potable water available only at three locations • River water suitable for swimming • Trip length calculated at 22 miles per day • Fort Benton to James Kipp State Park 149 miles, 190-mile shuttle • Shuttle service available at Virgelle and Fort Benton • Intermediate access points 21, 42, and 88 miles downstream from Fort Benton • Firewood limited along river • Variety of commercial outfitting services • Floaters Guide available lower and upper half, $1.50 each, full color, one inch to the mile, contours, water resistant paper, photo insets, travelogue type narrative • Contact the River Manager for information.

21. NORTH PLATTE RIVER, NORTHGATE CANYON (Routt access to Pickaroon Campground)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
North Park Ranger District
Routt National Forest
P.O. Box 158
Walden, CO 80480
Telephone (303) 723-4707

Party size limit, 25 • Campsites assigned only for commercial trips • Private parties must register at access • Pack out trash • Fire pans recommended • Cold water • Boats suitable for large technical whitewater recommended • Navigable by open canoe • Unsuitable for late summer, fall, and winter floating • Flow in cfs will be posted • Season, May to first week in July • Two-day trips, 22-mile shuttle • Intermediate access offers one-day trips • Variety of outfitter services • Longer trips available by combining other river segments • Recommend weekday trips for solitude • Detailed maps available from Wyoming Game & Fish Department.

22. NORTH PLATTE RIVER
(Pickaroon Campground to Saratoga)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Rawlins District Office
1300 No. 3rd St.
P.O. Box 670
Rawlins, WY 82301
Telephone (307) 324-7171

Trip length, 2-3 days • Shuttle 38 miles, paved and unimproved dirt road • Snow blocks road access until May 15 • Variety outfitter services.

23. PIEDRA

FOR INFORMATION ON SECTION BELOW FIRST FORK, CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Pine Ranger District
San Juan National Forest
P.O. Box 406
Bayfield, CO 81122
Telephone (303) 884-2512

FOR INFORMATION ON SECTION ABOVE FIRST FORK, CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Pagosa Springs District
San Juan National Forest
P.O. Box 310
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Telephone (303) 264-2268

Very cold water • Not navigable by open canoe • Paddle rafts not recommended • Intermediate access to First Fork Bridge closed until further notice • Season mid-May to late June • Average gradient 53 feet per mile, swift flow, infrequent slack pools • 74-mile shuttle • Contact Pagosa Ranger District prior to planning a trip.

24. RIO GRANDE

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Creede Ranger District
Rio Grande National Forest
Creede Avenue & 3rd St.
Creede, CO 81130
Telephone (303) 658-2556

One commercial company operates on section between Wagon Wheel Gap and South Fork • No permit requirements for private groups • Other river sections restricted by private land ownership and fences.

25. SHOSHONE RIVER, NORTH FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Wapiti Ranger District
Shoshone National Forest
P.O. Box 2140
Cody, WY 82414
Telephone (307) 587-3291

Peak flow June-July, 4,000-6,000 cfs • Water temperature very cold in early season • Best floating after runoff in early July • River flows through sharp breccia volcanic rocks with many small rapids and rock obstacles.

26. SNAKE RIVER (Flagg Ranch Canyon, Flagg Ranch to Jackson Lake)
27. SNAKE RIVER (Jackson Lake Dam to Moose)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Sub-District Ranger
Grand Teton National Park
Buffalo Ranger Station
Moran, WY 83013
Telephone (307) 543-2532

Non-fee boat permit required in park • Obtain at Ranger Stations in Park • Any commercial trip requires special-use permit—Write to:

Chief Park Ranger
Grand Teton National Park
Moose, WY 83012
Telephone (307) 733-2880

USCG approved PFD's must be worn • Spare oar or paddle must be carried • No open fires or camping along river • No motors allowed • Late spring, early summer, high cold water, 40-55°F. • Shuttle distance: Flagg Ranch Canyon - 4 miles, Dam to Deadman's Bar - 15 miles; Dam to Moose - 27 miles (All on paved roads except short segment into Deadman's Bar) • Large variety of outfitted trips • Park rules and regulations apply • Sanitary facilities provided at some intermediate points.

28. SNAKE RIVER, GRAND CANYON

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Hoback District
Bridger-Teton National Forest
P.O. Box 1689
Jackson, WY 83301
Telephone (307) 733-4755

Voluntary registration at launch site • No motors larger than 35 hp • No fires south side of river below Elbow Campground • PFD's required • No parking at access site at Sheep Gulch • Cold water • Dangerous high flows May through July • Flows range from 3,000-22,000 cfs • Shuttle, 9 miles, paved road • 45-minute to 2-hour float • Nine outfitters offer whitewater trips, 13 offer fishing trips • All use float craft • $12.50-17.50 per person per trip • Wild and Scenic study river, probable scenic component.

29. YELLOWSTONE RIVER, CLARKS FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Clarks Fork Ranger District
P.O. Box 1023
Powell, WY 82435
Telephone (307) 754-2407

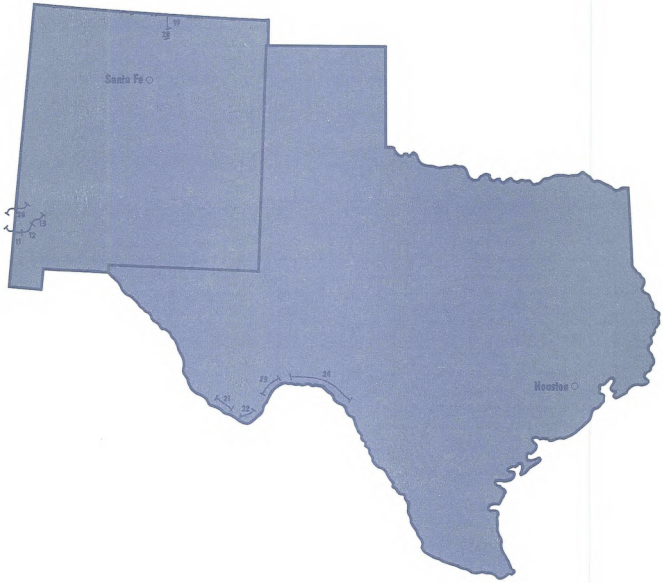
Upper river inaccessible and not considered boatable • Lower canyon (below Dead Indian Creek) floatable • Cold, high water exceeding 10,000 cfs in July • Road access to lower canyon requires high clearance vehicles.

30. YAMPA RIVER

See #18, Green River, Dinosaur National Monument.

Arizona - Nevada - Utah

New Mexico - Texas



ARIZONA-NEVADA-NEW MEXICO-TEXAS-UTAH

RIVER NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
RIVER NAME	Bill Williams River	Cataract, East Fork	Colorado-Cataract RPS	Colorado-Fisher Towers	Colorado-Grand Canyon RPS	Colorado-Hite/Hanksville	Colorado-Lagoon Dam	Colorado-Wastewater	Dolores-Gateway to Colorado River	Gila-Arizona	Gila-Lower BLM	Gila-Middle	Gila-Upper	Green-Cataract RPS	Green-Flaming Gorge	Green-Desolation-Gray	Green-Labyrinth Canyon	Dirty Devil-South Fork	Rio Grande-Lobatos to Abiquiu Dam	Rio Grande-John Dunn to Taos Jct.	Rio Grande-Santa Elena Canyon	Rio Grande-Mariscal Canyon	Rio Grande-Boquillas Canyon	Rio Grande-L. Canyon	Salt-Above Indian Reservation Boundary	Salt-Below Indian Reservation Boundary	San Francisco Arizona	San Francisco Rio Mosiac	San Juan-Montezuma to Clay Hills	Verde, Upper
GENERAL																														
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Spring	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Summer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x					x	
Fall	x		x	x	x	x	x	x						x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x						
Winter	x				x	x	x			x					x						x	x	x	x			x	x		
Difficulty																														
I-II		x		x	x	x	x			x	x		x	x	x		x	x				x	x			x	x	x	x	x
III-IV		x	x		x			x	x			x				x			x	x	x			x	x					x
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Hazardous High Flows			x	x				x	x	x		x	x					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Limiting Low Flows	x	x			x				x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Controlled Flow	x				x	x	x							x	x	x					x	x	x	x					x	
Trip Length—Days	1-2	1-3	3-7	1	1-2	1-6	1-3	1-3	1-3	1	1-2	1-2	3-5	3-7	1-2	3-6	4	1-4	3-4	1	1-2	1-2	1-2	8-10	1-4	1	1	2-4	1-6	1-5
Access to Launch—Road		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Access to Launch—Air	x	x		x									x		x	x												x		
Shuttle Service			x	x				x						x	x						x	x	x	x					x	
Visible Paralleling Roads				x		x	x		x																					
Visible Paralleling Trails							x								x				x											
Maps Available	x		x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x			x	x
Interpretive Information			x	x	x	x			x					x	x	x	x				x	x	x						x	
Fishing		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hunting	x					x		x	x						x	x	x											x	x	
Hiking Trails			x		x	x					x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x		x							x	
Swimming		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x										x	x	x	x	x
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Other												x					x								x	x			x	x
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Power Boat—Upstream																														
Float Boat—Motor			x	x	x			x	x					x		x	x												x	
Float Boat—Non-motor		x	x	x	x			x	x					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x	
Small Craft—Kayak, etc.		x	x	x	x	x		x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x	
Number of Outfitters		12	18	22	22	2		20	19					19	7	20		4	4	12	17	17	17	17					11	
NON-COMMERCIAL																														
Permits Required			x		x			x	x					x		x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	
Reservations Required			x		x			x						x		x													x	
Restrictions on Type of Craft			x		x									x		x			x		x	x	x	x						
Meters Prohibited																		x	x	x					x	x				
Campsite Assigned								x																						
Portages Required												x							x						x					x

ARIZONA - NEVADA - NEW MEXICO - TEXAS - UTAH

1. BILL WILLIAMS RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Havasu Resource Area
P.O. Box 685
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403
Telephone (602) 855-8017

Permission needed for access to take-outs on private lands • Permission needed from Army Corps of Engineers for access through locked gate to put-in • Runnable only during flood control releases from Alamo Dam • Scouting highly recommended • Suitable for experienced boaters in kayaks and open canoes • Trip length 6 to 26 miles • Shuttle 36 to 132 miles.

2. CARSON, EAST FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Carson Ranger District
Toiyabe National Forest
1536 S. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701
Telephone (702) 882-2766

or

Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District
1050 E. William St.
Carson City, NV 89701
Telephone (702) 882-1631

Party size limit, 30 • Pack out trash • Ten campsites, signed and numbered, reserved for commercial trips • No safe maximum river flow has been determined • Obtain current flow from California State Flood Operations Center, (916) 322-3277 • Abandoned diversion dam has dangerous waterfall • Upper section, 9 miles with 10-mile shuttle • Lower section, 21 miles with 30-mile shuttle • 35 outfitters offer raft trips for $35 for one day and $100 for two days • Forest Service and BLM jointly issue permits to commercial outfitters.

3. COLORADO RIVER, CATARACT CANYON (including Green River)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Superintendent
Canyonlands National Park
446 South Main
Moab, UT 84532
Telephone (801) 259-7164

Permits required • Issued on first-come, first-served basis beginning December 15 • Party size limit, 40 • Adequate experience and equipment required, raft size minimum 13'6" x 6'6", Type I or V PFD • First aid kit, spare oar or motor, fire pan required • Human waste must be carried out • High water May-June, can exceed 55,000 cfs • Air service to Green River and Moab, Utah, and land trip from there to put-in • Charter take-outs from Hite, Utah • Outfitter motor, oar, and paddle trips available, 3-7 days.

4. COLORADO RIVER (Fisher Towers - Sandy Beach)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Grand Resource Area
P.O. Box M
Moab, UT 84532
Telephone (801) 259-6111 ext. 200

Overnight trips require fire pans and portable toilets • First aid kit, patch kit, extra oar or paddle, and air pump required per boat • PFD required per person • Water temperature 32-70°F. • Ice jams preclude winter floating • Moderate boatman skill level suggested • Trip length, 15 miles • Shuttle on parallel paved road.

5. COLORADO, GRAND CANYON

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
River Sub District
National Park Service
Grand Canyon National Park
P.O. Box 129
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023
Telephone (602) 638-2411 ext. 247
or FTS 261-8264

Permits required • Permits filled from standing waiting list, names added to waiting list any time by writing or calling • Maximum private party size, 15 • Fire restrictions • No soap in side streams • Pack out human waste • First aid kit, repair kits, signal panels, mirrors, or radio, spare oars or paddles, PFD's are required • State boat registration requirements apply • Controlled river flows vary daily from 1,000 to 32,000 cfs • Summer minimum usually 3,000 cfs, averages 8,000-10,000 cfs • Winter flows lower • Cold water 44-56°F. • 225- or 280-mile trips • Shuttles, 264 or 359 miles • No shuttle service available • Oar-powered trip, 12-14 days • Motor trips, 7-9 days • Shorter trips available with hiking access only • Outfitter services vary • 12-14-day rowing trips • Shorter trips involving hiking out or helicopter lift-out are available.

6. COLORADO RIVER (Blythe to Imperial Dam)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 5680
Yuma, AZ 85364
Telephone (602) 726-6300
or FTS 764-6681

No camping in National Wildlife Refuges • River, 72 miles, flat water • Shorter trips possible with intermediate access points • Shuttle service and rental canoes available at Blythe and Walters Camp • Canoe guide (map) available from BLM.

7. COLORADO RIVER, LOWER (Laguna Dam)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Indian Affairs
P.O. Box 1591
Yuma, AZ 85364
Telephone (714) 572-0248
or FTS 764-6608

or

Quechan Tribe
Harold Chatos, Planning
P.O. Box 1352
Yuma, AZ 85364
Telephone (714) 572-0820

Area is whitewater training course within the Quechan Indian Reservation • Travel may continue below course to Yuma (15 miles) or Morelos Dam (25 miles).

8. COLORADO RIVER, WESTWATER CANYON

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Grand Resource Area
P.O. Box M
Moab, UT 84532
Telephone (801) 259-6111 ext. 200

Permits required at all times • Advance reservations required May 1 - September 30 • Applications accepted two months in advance • Campsites assigned at launch sites • Fire pans required • Portable toilets required on overnight trips • First aid kit, patch kit, extra oar or paddle, and air pump required per boat • PFD required per person • Dangerous at medium and high flows • Boats suitable for large technical white water recommended • Not suitable for open canoes • Ice jams in winter • Trip length, 17 miles • Shuttle, 30 miles, paved and dirt roads • When wet, need 4-wheel drive • Wild and Scenic study river.

9. DOLORES RIVER (Gateway to Colorado River)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Grand Resource Area
P.O. Box M
Moab, UT 84532
Telephone (801) 259-6111 ext. 200

Permits required • Fire pans and portable toilets required on overnight trips • First aid kit, patch kit, extra oar or paddle, and air pump required per boat • PFD required per person • Water 32-70°F. • Advanced boatman skill level and boats suitable for technical white water recommended • River runnable mid-May to mid-June • Trip length, 30 miles • Shuttle, 140 miles, paved roads • Wild and Scenic study river.

10. GILA RIVER (Arizona)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
425 E. 4th St.
Safford, AZ 85546
Telephone (602) 428-4040

Suitable for rafts, canoes, and kayaks • Unrunnable late spring, summer, and fall • Water temperature 41-59°F. • Trip length, 20 miles • Shuttle 50 miles, paved and gravel roads.

11. GILA RIVER, LOWER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Los Cruces District Office
P.O. Box 1420
Los Cruces, NM 88004
Telephone (505) 523-5571

Access limited by private lands.

12. GILA RIVER, MIDDLE

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Silver City Ranger District
Gila National Forest
Rt. 8, Box 124-1
Silver City, NM 88061
Telephone (505) 538-2771

Private land closed to use • Pack out trash • Scouting rapids recommended • Quicksand, flash floods • Wire and cable across river • Pump station above Forest boundary should be avoided • Shuttle, 46 miles • Car can be left at Red Rock Game Management Area [505] 542-9760 • Runnable only during spring runoff • Trip length, 20 miles • Small rafts recommended because of narrow channels and canyons • Open canoes not recommended above 7.1 feet at Red Rock gauge.

13. GILA RIVER, UPPER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Wilderness Ranger District
Gila National Forest
Route 11, Box 100
Silver City, NM 88061
Telephone [505] 534-9461

Runnable only during spring runoff • Wilderness use permits required • Motors prohibited • Pack out trash • Log jams and flood debris, scout blind corners and rapids • Kayaks, canoes, and rafts suitable • Rafts should be equipped with oar locks • Trip length, 45 miles • Intermediate access available 38 miles down river but not passable during inclement weather • Best flows 250-700 cfs.

14. GREEN RIVER, CATARACT CANYON

See #3, Colorado River, Cataract Canyon, page 41.

15. GREEN RIVER (Flaming Gorge to Browns Park)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Flaming Gorge R.D.
Ashley National Forest
P.O. Box 157
Dutch John, UT 84023
Telephone [801] 885-3315
Vernal ext. 789-5253

or

Bureau of Land Management
170 S. 500 E.
Vernal, UT 84078
Telephone [801] 789-1362

Permits not required • No fires or camping in first seven miles including Little Hole • Open canoes and row boats not recommended on this section • No motors from Flaming Gorge Dam to Red Creek Rapids • Fire pans and portable toilets recommended • Pack out trash • Water 53°F. • Water fluctuations 800-3,500 cfs • Red Creek Rapids normally require portage by canoes • Dam to Little Hole, 7.2 miles river, shuttle 10 miles • Little Hole to Browns Park, 9 miles, shuttle 40 miles • Raft rentals and shuttle services available • Outfitter-guides services available • Wild and Scenic Study River, proposed Scenic designation • Paralleled by Little Hole National Recreation Trail (motorized vehicles prohibited).

16. GREEN RIVER, DESOLATION-GRAY CANYONS

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Area Manager
P.O. Drawer AB
Price, UT 84501
Telephone (801) 637-4584

Advance reservations and permits required year around • Permit applications accepted January 1 - March 1 • Mid-March lottery determines launches if number of applicants exceeds available launches • Remaining launches first come, first served • Party size limit, 25 • One trip per person per year from May 15 to August 18 • Fire pans, portable toilets, repair kits, first aid kits, and PFD's required • Open canoes not recommended • Treat water for drinking purposes • Boats suitable for white water recommended • Trip length, 84 miles • Shuttle, 200 miles, paved and gravel roads • Air access available to Sand Wash • Wide variety of outfitter services.

17. GREEN RIVER, LABYRINTH CANYON

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Area Manager
San Rafael Resource Area
P.O. Drawer AB
Price, UT 84501
Telephone (801) 637-4584

No restrictions • Trip length, 3 days in high water with non-motored craft, 68 miles • Shuttle, 65 miles paved and gravel roads • Air access at launch • The river has no rapids • Ice flows and frozen sections at times during winter.

18. OWYHEE, SOUTH FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management
Elko District Office
2002 Idaho Street
P.O. Box 831
Elko, NV 89801)
Telephone (702) 738-4071

or

Bureau of Land Management
Boise District Office
3948 Development Ave.
Boise, ID 83705
Telephone (208) 334-1582

Voluntary registration to aid visitor use data collection • Party size limit, 12 • Pack out trash • Fire pans suggested • Trip, 80 miles • Shuttle exceeds 100 miles • Dirt roads, 4-wheel drive suggested • Contact BLM for shuttle directions • Launch, gauging station downstream from Petan Ranch or SW Gas Corp. pipeline • Take-out Three Forks • Kayak, small raft, expert canoe • Diversion dam half-way through trip.

19, 20. RIO GRANDE RIVER, NEW MEXICO
(Labatos to Taos Junction)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Taos Resource Area
P.O. Box 1045
Taos, NM 87571
Telephone (505) 758-8851

Permit required May 1 - August 31 • Party size limit, 25 for day trips, 15 for overnight trips • Motors prohibited • Pack out trash • Fire pans required • First-aid kit, extra oar or paddle required • Inflatables under 11 feet and less than 4 air chambers not allowed on water over Class III • Extremely dangerous at flows below 800 cfs and above 2,500 cfs • Advanced boatman skills and boats suitable for rough technical white water recommended • Not suitable for open canoes or late summer, fall, and winter floating • Unrunnable in low water years • Class V and VI water • Labatos Bridge (CO) to John Dunn Bridge, 43 miles, 50-mile shuttle • This section contains dangerous Class V and VI water • Intermediate trail access can be used for ingress and egress to avoid Class V and VI rapids, four-wheel drive, high ground clearance vehicles required during wet weather • John Dunn Bridge to Taos Junction, 16 miles, 25-mile shuttle • Variety of outfitter services • New Mexico section is Wild and Scenic River.

21-24. RIO GRANDE RIVER, BIG BEND
(Santa Elena, Mariscal, Boquillas, and Lower Canyons)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Superintendent
Big Bend National Park
Park, TX 79834
Telephone (915) 477-2251

Free backcountry use permit required • Obtain at Park Headquarters or Ranger Stations • Groundfires prohibited • Public use closures may occur for safety or resource protection • Safest water occurs November-March • Rafts recommended • Canoeable by experienced boatmen • April-October variable flows, low to flood conditions • Air temperature 100-110°F. • Trip length 1-2 days for separate canyons in Park (7, 10, 23 miles), shuttles average 60 miles • Lower Canyon, 120 miles, 7 days, 160-mile shuttle • All shuttles via graveled and paved roads • Slack water between separate canyons can be floated except during low water • All canyons combined, 235 miles, 107 miles inside park, 14-18 days • Lower canyon is outside Park, but is part of Wild and Scenic River.

25, 26. SALT RIVER, UPPER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Tonto National Forest
P.O. Box 29070
Phoenix, AZ 85038
Telephone (602) 261-3205

or

U.S. Forest Service
Globe Ranger District
Tonto National Forest
Rt. 1 Box 33
Globe, AZ 85501
Telephone (602) 425-7189

Permit required on Fort Apache Indian Reservation for camping • Motors prohibited • Party size limit 25 • PFD's required • Dangerous above 2,500 cfs • Obtain flows by calling (602) 267-9161 • High ground clearance vehicles recommended for some shuttle routes • Detailed maps available, $1.00 • No commercial outfitters • Use reserved totally to general public private groups.

27. SAN FRANCISCO RIVER (Arizona)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management
425 East 4th St.
Safford, AZ 85546
Telephone (602) 428-4040

Dangerous at high flows • Unrunnable in late spring, summer, and fall • Water temperature 35-60°F. • Suitable for rafts, canoes, and kayaks • Trip length, 25 miles, 15 hours • Shuttle, 55 miles via gravel and paved roads • Included about 15 miles of lower portion of Gila River #10.

28. SAN FRANCISCO RIVER (New Mexico)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Clifton Ranger District
Apache-Sitgraves National Forest
P.O. Box 698
Clifton, AZ 85533
Telephone (602) 865-2432

or

U.S. Forest Service
Glenwood Ranger District
Gila National Forest
P.O. Box 8
Glenwood, NM 88039
Telephone (505) 539-2481

Flash floods • Quicksand • Shallow areas, sharp bends • Runnable during spring runoff • Low water at other times • Trip length, 51 miles • Hot springs at put-in and one-third mile downstream • Private lands adjacent to launch site • Small rafts, inner tubes • 25-mile section proposed for Wilderness • National Forest maps available, $1.00 • Seasonal closure March 1 - July 15 to all entry within proposed Wilderness • Visitor permit required July 16 - February 28 • 29 miles are Wild and Scenic Study River.

29. SAN JUAN RIVER (Montezuma Creek - Clay Hills Crossing)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
San Juan Resource Area
P.O. Box 7
Monticello, UT 84535
Telephone (801) 587-2201

Permits required • Requests for applications must be made in writing or in person, issued on a first-come first-served basis • Party size of 25 maximum • Pack out trash • Fire pans required • Require packing out human waste • Low or lack of adequate water levels limits use of river • River flow information obtained from USGS in Moab; Bureau of Reclamation, Salt Lake City, Utah; or BLM, Moab District, Monticello, Utah • Intermediate boatman skills are required • Shorter trips available requiring lower skill levels • River unrunnable late summer and fall during dry years • Shuttle, 6 hours with intermediate access points • Road into Clay Hills Crossing may be impassable immediately following rain or snow • Commercial outfitter services available.

30. VERDE RIVER, UPPER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Tonto National Forest
P.O. Box 29070
Phoenix, AZ 85038
Telephone (602) 261-3205

or

U.S. Forest Service
Verde Ranger District
Prescott National Forest
Star Route 1, Box 1100
Camp Verde, AZ 86322
Telephone (602) 567-4121

PFD's required • River dangerous above 4,000 cfs • Cold water, wet suits recommended • Runnable during early spring runoff, becomes marginal below 800 cfs • To obtain flows call (602) 267-9161 • Detailed maps available for $1.50.

California

CALIFORNIA

RIVER NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
RIVER NAME / GENERAL	Smith	Klamath	Mad	Trinity-Lower	Trinity-Main Stem, Helena to Mount Ranch	Trinity-Lewiston to Helena	Sacramento-Upper	Sacramento-Lower	Feather-Mid. Fk. Sloat to Helena Cr.	Feather-Mid. Fk. Bucksworth to Sloat	Cosumnes-East Fork	American-South Fork	Mokelumne	Stanislaus	Merced	Tuolumne	Mono	Kern-Upper	Kern-Lower	Eel-Middle Fork	Lower Stanislaus
Period Runable																					
Spring	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Summer		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Fall		X			X	X		X	X	X				X		X					X
Winter	X				X	X		X													X
Difficulty																					
I-II	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		X						X		X
III-IV	X	X		X	X	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
V+																		X			
Hazardous High Flows	X	X	X	X	X		X								X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Limiting Low Flows	X		X		X		X		X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Controlled Flow					X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X			X		X
Trip Length—Days	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-2	2-3	2	3-5	1	2	1-3	1-2	1	1-2	1-2	2	1/2	1-3	2-3		1
Access to Launch—Road	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Access to Launch—Air								X													
Shuttle Service																					
Visible Paralleling Roads	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Visible Paralleling Trails								X										X	X		
Maps Available					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Interpretive Information	X	X	X	X	X	X						X		X							
Fishing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hunting	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X						X			X	
Hiking Trails								X	X	X					X		X	X	X		X
Swimming	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Hot Springs											X								X		
Designating																					
Wild						*X														*X	
Scenic						*X			X											*X	
Recreation		X								X											X
Wilderness																		X			
National Park																					
National Recreation Area																					
Other					X											X					
*State of California COMMERCIAL																					
Power Boat—Upstream																					
Float Boat—Motor		X																			
Float Boat—Non-motor		X			X		X				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Small Craft—Kayak, etc.		X			X						X		X			X	X				X
Number of Outfitters	1	25			4		1				15	12		17	11	1	3	2	3	3	1
NON-COMMERCIAL																					
Permits Required																X	X				
Reservations Required																					
Restrictions on Type of Craft									X												
Motors Prohibited									X			X	X	X	X		X	**X			
Campsite Assigned																	X				
Permits Required								X	X						X			X	X		

**Motors prohibited in the Wilderness portion

CALIFORNIA

1. SMITH RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Gasquet Ranger District
Six Rivers National Forest
P.O. Box 228
Gasquet, CA 95543
Telephone (707) 457-3131

Campfire permits required April 1 to December 1 • Special use permits required for all commercial operations • No use restrictions for non-commercial trips • Water flow readings may be obtained through the U.S. Geological Survey Office, 1105 6th Street, Eureka, CA 95501, spring and summer, dial (707) 443-9305 • Commercial lodging at Patrick's Creek and Gasquet • Commercial boat rentals and outfitter-guide services available • Low river flows during summer and fall months • Degree of difficulty fluctuates with water levels in most areas.

Three forks of the Smith used for raft/kayak trips:

NORTH FORK (Major Moore's to Gasquet) - Inaccessible and rugged • Water too low for floating after June.

MIDDLE FORK (North Fork to Ocean) - Highly accessible • Floated with inner tubes or kayaks in spring months • Portage recommended around Middle Fork gorge.

SOUTH FORK (Goose Creek to Middle Fork) - Highly accessible • Check on water conditions • Portage required to avoid a waterfall.

2. KLAMATH RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Six Rivers National Forest
507 F Street
Eureka, CA 95501
Telephone (707) 442-1721

or

U.S. Forest Service
Klamath National Forest
1312 Fairlane Road
Yreka, CA 96097
Telephone (916) 842-6131

Campfire permits required May 15 to October 31 • Special use permits required for all commercial operations • No use restrictions for non-commercial trips • Water flow readings for Northern California may be obtained through the U.S. Geological Survey Office, 1105 6th Street, Eureka, CA 95501, spring and summer, dial (707) 443-9305 • Limited commercial lodging and boat rental facilities available along river between I-5 and Orleans • Contact individual companies for details • Commercial outfitter services available.

3. MAD RIVER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Six Rivers National Forest
507 F Street
Eureka, CA 95501
Telephone (707) 442-1721

Campfire permits required April 1 to December 1 • Special use permits required of all commercial operations • No use restrictions for non-commercial trips • Water flow readings for Northern California may be obtained through the U.S. Geological Survey Office, 1105 6th Street, Eureka, CA 95501, spring and summer, dial (707) 443-9305 • Limited amounts of commercial lodging available in the Dinsmore - Ruth Lake area • No commercial boat rentals available.

4. TRINITY, LOWER (Six Rivers National Forest Boundary to Klamath River)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Lower Trinity Ranger District
Six Rivers National Forest
P.O. Box 668
Willow Creek, CA 95573
Telephone (916) 629-2118

Campfire permits required April 1 to December 1 • Special use permits required of all commercial operations • No use restrictions for non-commercial trips • Water flow readings for Northern California may be obtained through the U.S. Geological Survey Office, 1105 6th Street, Eureka, CA 95501, spring and summer, dial (707) 443-9305 • Commercial lodging available in Willow Creek • Limited boat rentals on occasion • 20 miles from confluence with Klamath to Forest boundary.

5. TRINITY, MAIN STEM (Helena to Burnt Ranch)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Big Bar Ranger District
Shasta-Trinity National Forest
Star Route 1, Box 10
Big Bar, CA 96010
Telephone (916) 623-6106

Trip length, 23 miles (1½ days) • Campfire permits required April 1 - December 1 • No use restrictions for non-commercial trips • Commercial lodging available Big Bar, Big Flat, Del Loma, boat rentals available • State of California Wild and Scenic River • Commercial outfitter services also available.

6. TRINITY, UPPER (Lewiston to Helena)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Redding District
355 Hemstead Drive
Redding, CA 96001
Telephone (916) 246-5325

Not suitable for motorized craft • Suitable for canoes when flows exceed 400 cfs, call (916) 322-3327 or (707) 443-9305 • Developed and undeveloped campsites available • Campfire permits required for undeveloped campsites April 1 - December 1 • Length, 40 miles (2 days) • Rental canoes available • Good road access at several locations • Pack out trash • Designated Recreation River • Commercial outfitter services available.

7. SACRAMENTO, UPPER (Dunsmuir to Sims)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Mt. Shasta Ranger District
Shasta-Trinity National Forest
P.O. Box 319
Mt. Shasta, CA 96067
Telephone (916) 926-4511

No permits required, but permission needed to access over private lands • Occasional dangerous high flows • Low flow problems normally begin in late June • Some technical rapids, Class III • Ratings increase above Sim's Flat • Rafts and kayaks • Trip length usually 4 to 6 hours, but can extend to two days for this 25-mile segment • Commercial outfitter services available.

8. SACRAMENTO, LOWER (Shasta Dam to Colusa)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Redding District
355 Hemstead Drive
Redding, CA 96001
Telephone (916) 246-5325

Campfire permits required • Developed campgrounds available • Boat rentals available • 53-mile section • Dams require portages • Numerous boat ramps • Suitable for motorized craft • Being considered for recreation designation.

9. FEATHER, MIDDLE FORK (Sloat to Nelson Creek)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Quincy Ranger District
Plumas National Forest
Box 69
Quincy, CA 95971
Telephone (916) 283-0555

Campfire permit required; having a shovel is a condition of this permit • Permits are available at any Forest Service Ranger Station • No overnight camping in Recreation and Scenic zones, except in designated campgrounds • No motor-driven craft in Wild River zone • Nelson Creek to Oroville section of river not considered navigable • Portions of the Wild River zones are inaccessible to hikers and boaters • The Pacific Crest trail crosses the Upper Wild River Zone • Feather Falls, Feather Falls Scenic Area, Bald Rock Dome, and Bald Rock Canyon are all within Bald Rock Canyon Wild River Zone.

10. FEATHER, MIDDLE FORK (Beckwourth to Sloat)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Beckwourth Ranger District
Plumas National Forest
P.O. Box 7
Blairsden, CA 96103
Telephone (916) 836-2575

Campfire permit required; having a shovel is a condition of this permit • Permits are available at any Forest Service Ranger Station • No overnight camping in Recreation and Scenic zones, except in designated campgrounds • Low water during summer • Motels, campgrounds, stores, and restaurants nearby.

11. CARSON, EAST FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. Forest Service
Carson Ranger District
Toiyabe National Forest
1536 S. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701
Telephone (702) 882-2766

or

Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District
1050 E. William Street
Suite 335
Carson City, NV 89701
Telephone (702) 882-1631

Upper 10 miles, technical Class III & IV, lower 21 miles, Class I & II.

12. AMERICAN, SOUTH FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Folsum Resource Area
63 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630
Telephone (916) 985-4474

Campfire permits required • Season of use April-October • Commercial outfitter services available.

13. MOKELUMNE (Electra Powerhouse - Highway 49 Bridge)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Folsum Resource Area
63 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630
Telephone (916) 985-4474

Peak flows occur in April • No overnight camping, limited parking • Excellent for kayak training • Strainers at high water in spring • 4 miles • Fishing good to fair.

14. STANISLAUS (Camp Nine - Parrotts Ferry Bridge)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Folsum Resource Area
63 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630
Telephone (916) 985-4474

No camping at put-in • Voluntary registration to aid visitor use data collection • Peak flows May-June extremely dangerous • No open canoes • 9 miles • 13 permitted commercial outfitters.

15. MERCED

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management
Folsom District
63 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630
Telephone (916) 985-4474

or

U.S. Forest Service
Mariposa Ranger District
Sierra National Forest
P.O. Box 747
Mariposa, CA 95338
Telephone (209) 966-3638

USFS - Season spring-early summer April-June) • Hazardous high flows in early spring, low flows from mid-July make rafting difficult and slow going • 14 commercial outfitters required to launch at 3 commercial launch spots along

river • Maps available at addresses listed above • Highway 140 and an access road parallels north and south banks • Fishing poor to moderate, hiking available with no organized trails • Swimming not recommended in spring due to hazardous conditions • Professional rafts and kayaks, not advisable for swimming pool rafts or inner tubes • Campfire permits required, available at any Forest Service office.

BLM - 14 permitted commercial outfitters • 25 miles depending on level of Lake McClure • Advanced technical experience required, below Briceburg not advisable above 3,500 cfs • At least one portage [North Fork Falls] • Short season, April - Mid-June, wholly dependent on snowpack melt, no impoundments • Camping areas available below Briceburg.

16. TUOLUMNE

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Groveland Ranger District
Stanislaus National Forest
P.O. Box 709
Groveland, CA 95321
Telephone [209] 962-7825

Commercial trips permitted only by authorized rafting companies • Suitable for experienced kayakers and rafts to 6-person capacity • Advanced technical experience necessary • Not safe for canoes • Spring flows [April-June] can be dangerous, particularly in afternoon due to snowmelt run-off • Early morning flows in summer and fall can be too low for floating, may have to wait several hours for releases from upstream hydroelectric plants • Unsuitable for winter use • Staff gauge at launch • Trip can be made in one day, but one overnight is more common • Shuttle distance is 60 miles round trip • Last five miles is a steep, narrow dirt road, unsafe for vehicles larger than 10-passenger van • One commercial outfitter permitted one launch per day • Maximum party size, 16 • Oar-powered rafts are used • Two-day trip is most common, but three-day is available • Prices are $60-80 per person per day • River is under study for suitability for designation as Wild and Scenic River.

17. KINGS

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Kings River Ranger District
Sierra National Forest
Trimmer Route
Sanger, CA 93657
Telephone [209] 855-8321

Not suitable for motorized craft • Water flows sufficient for safe use from mid-April to mid-July in normal years • River is accessible from Garnet Dike Campground to Pine Flat Reservoir, approximately 9 miles • Roads parallel entire river length • Three authorized rafting companies offer commercial trips for approximately $80-90 for a two-day outing involving two float trips and other organized recreation activities and meals • Campgrounds and undeveloped campsites available • Private groups over 25 require permits.

18. KERN, UPPER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Cannell Meadow Ranger District
Sequoia National Forest
P.O. Box 6
Kernville, CA 93238
Telephone (714) 376-2294

Permits required if entering the Golden Trout Wilderness • No party size limit unless trip starts in Wilderness • Unburned trash must be packed out • Fire pans recommended • Rubber rafts, not boats, are recommended for large, technical whitewater • Dangerous at all flows • Boatman skill levels should be advanced • Not suitable for open canoes • Unsuitable for late summer, fall, or winter floating due to low flows • Some portages required • Total trip length is about 40 miles • The upper 10-mile section is in designated Wilderness • Mid 15-mile section accessible by trail • Lower 15-mile section accessible by car • Trip time can vary from two hours to three days • Five commercial outfitters use oar or paddle powered rafts on lower and middle 15-mile sections.

19. KERN, LOWER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
U.S. Forest Service
Greenhorn Ranger District
Sequoia National Forest
800 Truxtun Avenue, Room 322
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Telephone (805) 861-4212
or FTS 984-1212

Unburned trash must be packed out • Fire pans recommended • Rubber rafts, not boats, are recommended for large and technical whitewater • Trip length, 19.5 miles and averages 1½ to 2 days • Dangerous at all flows with an average gradient of 28 feet per mile • Extremely dangerous at high spring flows • Boatman skill levels should be advanced • Not suitable for open canoes • Unsuitable for boating in late summer, fall, and winter due to low flows • Three commercial outfitters use oar or paddle-powered rafts • For additional information refer to **Sierra Whitewater** by Charles Martin, "A Paddler's Guide to the Rivers of California Sierra-Nevada."

20. EEL, MIDDLE FORK

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Land Management
Ukiah District
555 Leslie Street
Ukiah, CA 95482
Telephone (707) 462-3873

No use restrictions • Trip length 30 miles, 2-3 days • 12 miles through public land, remainder in private ownership, respect private landowners rights • Shuttle 80 + miles round trip • Put-in Eel River Ranger Station, take-out Dos Rios • Optimum flows April - June • Check at above address for flow condition • Seven Class II, three Class III, one Class IV, 2-5 portages depending on flow • Several commercial outfitters.

21. STANISLAUS, LOWER

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Park Manager
Stanislaus River Parks
Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
P.O. Box 1229
Oakdale, CA 95361
Telephone (209) 847-0225

Goodwin Dam to Knights Ferry suitable for expert kayakers only • Knights Ferry to confluence with San Joaquin River suitable for open canoes and small rafts • River bank to confluence suitable for small boats • Roads parallel river from Knights Ferry to San Joaquin • Low river flows during summer months • Barbecue fires allowed in designated areas • Four access points are available and twelve more sites are planned • Overnight camping is available at Caswell State Park and canoe-in campgrounds are planned at five other areas along the river • Popular day trip from Knights Ferry to Oakdale is 6-8 hours • Minimum desirable flows to float river 200-250 cfs.

WHAT EVERY WHITEWATER BOATER SHOULD KNOW

ADDRESSES

State agencies listed below can provide helpful information to boaters. They regulate fishing and hunting, commercial guide licensing, state boating safety, and the use of state lands.

Arizona

Director
Fish and Game Department
P.O. Box 9099
Phoenix, AZ 85068

Arizona State Parks
Natural Areas and Trails Coordinator
1688 W. Adams
Phoenix, AZ 85007

California

Dept. of Fish and Game
Resource Building
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

California Parks & Recreation
915 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone (916) 445-8828

Other helpful telephone numbers:

24-Hour River Flow Information 916-322-3327
U.S. Forest Service Regional Information 415-556-0122
National Park Service Information 415-556-4122
BLM California Information 916-484-4724
California Department of Forestry Information 916-445-9920
California Department of Forestry Fire Report 916-445-2244
California Highway Patrol Emergency ..... Ask Operator for Zenith 12000
California Water Resources Information 916-445-9248
California Boating & Waterways Information 916-445-2615

Colorado

Mr. Pat Hatch
State Boating Safety Officer
Colorado Div. of
Parks and Outdoor Recreation
Chatfield Office Center
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125
Telephone (303) 795-6954

Mr. Jack Hogue
Chief, Law Enforcement
Colorado Division of Wildlife
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO 80216
Telephone (303) 825-1192

Idaho

Idaho Department of Fish & Game
600 S. Walnut
Boise, ID 83706

Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation
2177 Warm Springs Ave.
Boise, ID 83702

Idaho Lands Department
Statehouse
Boise, ID 83702

Idaho Outfitters & Guides Board
1365 N. Orchard
Boise, ID 83704

Montana

Montana Department of Fish,
Wildlife and Parks
490 N. Meridian
Kalispell, MT 59901

New Mexico

New Mexico Fish and Game Dept.
6511 Domingo Road, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

New Mexico State Parks
and Recreation Division
P.O. Box 1147
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Oregon

Oregon State Marine Board
3000 Market Street
Northeast No. 505
Salem, OR 97310

Oregon Dept. of Fish & Game
P.O. Box 3503
Portland, OR 97208

[licenses guides]

Utah

Utah Div. of Parks and Recreation
Boating Chief
1596 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
Telephone (801) 533-6011

Utah Travel Council
Council Hall/Capitol Hill
Salt Lake City, UT 84114
Telephone (801) 533-5682,
521-8102 (recording)

Utah Div. of Wildlife Resources
1596 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
Telephone (801) 533-9333,
532-2473 (recording)

Assistant Dir. of Auxilliary
U.S. Coast Guard, Salt Lake City
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Telephone (801) 524-5155

Wyoming

Wyoming Travel Commission
2320 Capitol Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Wyoming Recreation Commission
P.O. Box 309
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Wyoming Game & Fish Department
P.O. Box 1589
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Non-government outfitter organizations can provide information on commercial outfitting services:

Idaho Outfitters and
Guides Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 95
Boise, ID 83701

Oregon Guides & Packers, Inc.
P.O. Box 132
Sublimity, OR 93785

Western River Guides Association, Inc.
994 Denver Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Telephone [801] 355-3388

Montana Outfitters and
Guides Association
Box 631
Hot Springs, MT 59845

INTERAGENCY WHITEWATER COMMITTEE (IWC) - What is it?

IWC was born of necessity when whitewater river recreation exploded in popularity during the early 1970's. The activity and its impacts were so new and unique that managers didn't know how to deal with it. Since rivers flow downhill with flagrant disrespect for jurisdictional boundaries, it was evident that managing agencies would have to share ideas and cooperate if they were to be successful.

In the winter of 1973, managers from the Bureau of Land Management [BLM], National Park Service [NPS], and Forest Service [FS] met in Salt Lake City. The exchange of ideas was so helpful that they met again that summer at Dinosaur Monument. Here they organized a five-person committee to prepare a set of river management guidelines.

Meeting again that fall in Boise, Idaho, the group formed the Interagency Whitewater Committee [IWC]. It has changed little since. The committee included nine members, three from each federal agency. All were field-level managers from a broad geographic area. They decided to function as a steering committee, provide a means to exchange information and plan annual conferences. A U.S. Coast Guard representative was added to the committee in 1974, but this agency later withdrew. The Coast Guard continues to participate in conferences.

The IWC is still comprised of field level federal managers and assembles twice a year. The winter meeting is expanded to include an open conference on timely river management topics. These have been held in Salt Lake City, Utah, Denver, Colorado, St. Paul, Minnesota, Reno, Nevada, Jackson, Wyoming, and Oakland, California.

Twice a year, newsletters are mailed to managers and others interested in current happenings in River Management. The "Information Digest" will be updated and reprinted periodically.

The IWC's objectives are to: [a] Provide guidelines to aid agencies in developing individual recreation management programs on rivers used for float boating; [b] Act as a clearing house for new or useful information about management of recreation uses in river corridors; [c] Work towards development of unified procedures, fees, and administrative methods across jurisdictional boundaries, and; [d] Develop regional and sub-regional planning guidance. IWC has no budget, doesn't make decisions, or provide management direction.

IWC membership in 1982 is:

Chairman:	Art Seamans, U.S. Forest Service, Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, 3620B Snake River Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho 83501, telephone [208] 743-3648
Vice-Chairman:	Earl Perry, National Park Service, Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado
Secretary:	Brad Groesbeck, Bureau of Land Management, Moab, Utah
***Clearinghouse Editor:**	Mac Thompson, Middle Fork Ranger District, Challis National Forest, Challis, Idaho, 83226, Telephone [208] 879-4321
Members:	Bryan Robinson, BLM, Oregon Mark Dymkoski, Sequoia National Forest, California Tom Mottl, BLM, Taos, New Mexico Jim Jones, NPS, Canyonlands National Park Larry Van Slyke, NPS, Grand Canyon National Park

***Clearinghouse Representative [please provide corrected or updated information to Mac Thompson]**

NO-TRACE CAMPING

No-Trace camping is the art of using a piece of land and leaving it exactly as you found it. It also represents an ethic—a respect for the land and the rights of those who will follow. Quality river environments and experiences can not survive without this ethic.

The best no-trace techniques depend on characteristics of the land, vegetation, climate, and management objectives. Methods suitable for forested areas in Idaho may not work in the Grand Canyon. Standards in a designated wilderness will be different than those in a highly developed area.

Check with the river manager for each river you plan to run. Find out which techniques of no-trace camping are recommended and which are required. On some rivers, regulations will require special equipment such as self-contained stoves or containers for human wastes.

Human Wastes: Toilets are provided on some rivers, though good sites are often hard to find. Removal of their contents is difficult and expensive.

On other rivers you may be required to carry out all human wastes. Portable chemical toilets work on shorter runs but shouldn't be emptied along the river. The chemicals designed to cut odors also preserve wastes and color the sand or soil where they are buried. One very successful method uses chemicals and large, air-tight ammunition boxes with plastic sacks for collection and storage. It's odor free and convenient.

Where human use is light and group size is small, the "cat hole" method works well. Dig a hole five or six inches into the humus layer at least 100 feet from water. Afterwards, cover the hole and microorganisms will decompose the wastes. If you are in a large group, dig a small latrine. Fill it in before you leave. Scatter needles or duff over the disturbed area. Paper can be collected in a sack and burned in the camp fire. Several forest fires have started from burning toilet paper at latrine sites.

Be sure that soap and water are available so that hands can be washed after using toilets. Serious disease problems among river people have been traced to poor personal hygiene and food handling.

Bathing and Wash Water: Biodegradable soaps should always be used but don't belong in the river. One guide made this point by gathering water for morning coffee immediately below a well-lathered guest washing himself in the river. He made sure that others in the party gave credit where due for the suds in the pot.

Bathe well away from the river using a bucket. Wash dishes away from camp where inadvertent spills won't attract flies. Discard the waste water in the same hole used for human waste, always at least 100 feet from the river. Check with your local river manager.

Fires: Campfires too often result in blackened rocks, hacked logs, partially burned firewood and charcoal covered beaches. Wherever a fire ring is left it is usually decorated with aluminum foil or other non-burnables.

The best way to prevent a campfire scar is to use a portable stove and not build a fire at all. These may be required on some rivers.

If you build a fire, here are some ways to lessen its impact:

— Use a fire pan. This will confine the ashes and charcoal and keep the ground clean. Ashes can be carried out. Regulations may require fire pans and a particular disposal method.

— Use only fallen dead wood or drift wood. On some rivers you may be required to bring your own fuel.

— Build the fire in a safe place. A ring of rocks is unnecessary and does nothing to contain a campfire.

— Never leave your fire unattended.

— Scatter extra firewood.

— Keep non-burnables out of the fire. Aluminum won't burn in campfires. It breaks down into flakes that last for years.

Trash:

— If you have a campfire, all combustibles should be burned. Everything else should be compacted and packed out.

— Keep trash bags handy during the day for empty beverage cans and incidental litter.

— Never sink cans or bottles in the river.

— If you smoke, put the butts in your pocket. They don't belong on the ground or in the river.

— Before leaving camp, make a final check for small trash such as butts and pull-tabs.

— Burying any trash or garbage is an invitation for animals to dig it up.

RAPID RATINGS

You may encounter two systems of rapid ratings, the International and Western [or American scales. The International scale is used in the "Digest" and is generally accepted as the standard.

International Scale		Western Scale
	Flat water	0
I	Easy. Waves small; passages clear; no serious obstacles.	1,2
II	Medium. Rapids of moderate difficulty with passages clear. Requires experience plus fair outfit and boat.	3,4
III	Difficult. Waves numerous, high, irregular; rocks; eddies; rapids with passages clear though narrow, requiring expertise in maneuver; scouting usually needed. Requires good operator and boat.	5,6
IV	Very Difficult. Long rapids; waves powerful, irregular; dangerous rocks; boiling eddies; passages difficult to scout; scouting mandatory first time; powerful and precise maneuvering required. Demands expert boatman and excellent boat and outfit.	7,8

International Scale		Western Scale
V	Extremely Difficult. Exceedingly difficult, long and violent rapids, following each other almost without interruption; riverbed extremely obstructed; big drops; violent current; very steep gradient; close study essential but often difficult. Requires best man, boat, and outfit suited to the situation. All possible precautions must be taken.	9,10
VI or U	Unrunnable	U

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